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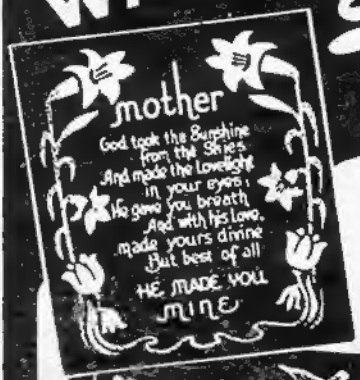

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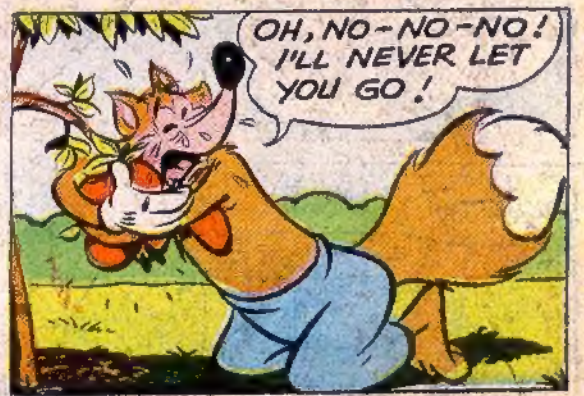

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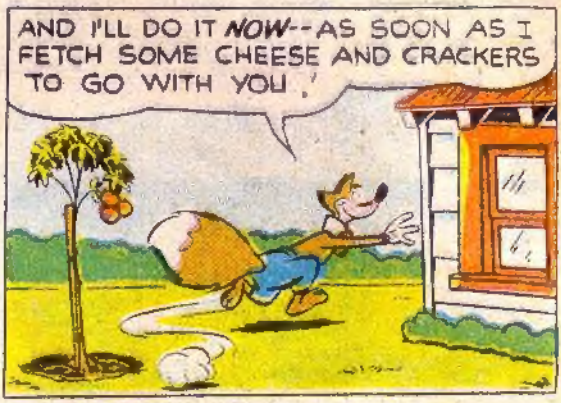
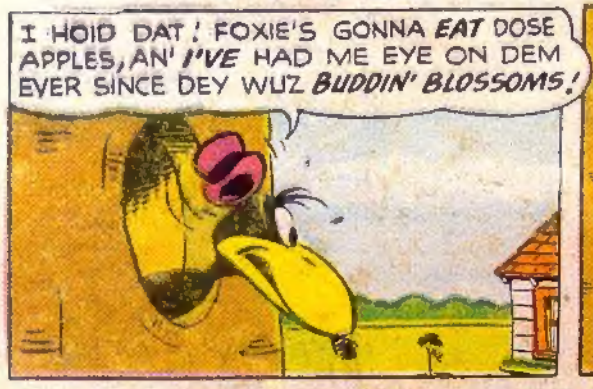
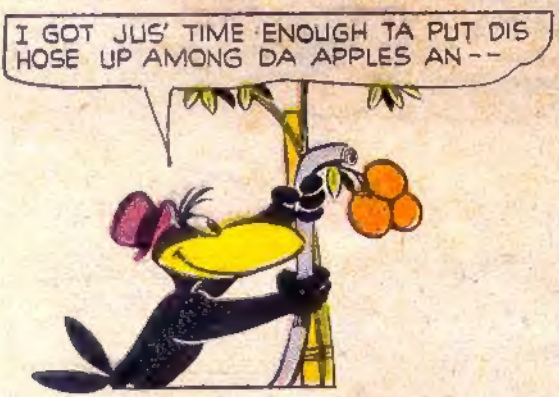
I'LL EAT YOU MYSELF!

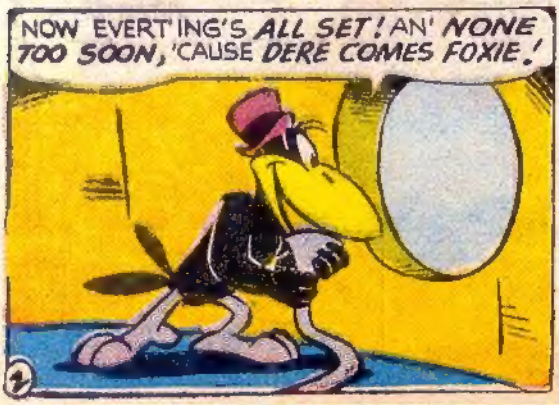

AND I'LL DO IT NOW--AS SOON AS I FETCH SOME CHEESE AND CRACKERS TO GO WITH YOU.!

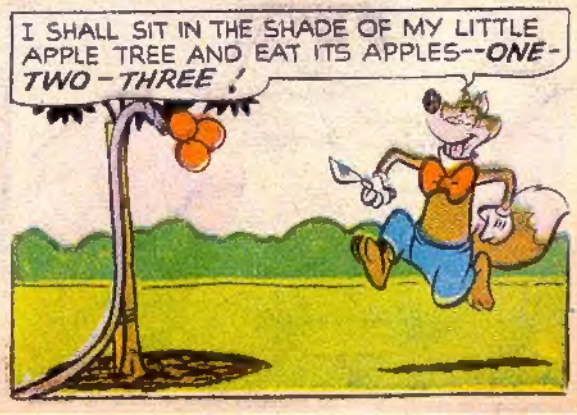

I HOID DAT! FOXIE'S GONNA EAT DOSE APPLES, AN' I'VE HAD ME EYE ON DEM EVER SINCE DEY WUZ BUDDIN' BLOSSOMS!

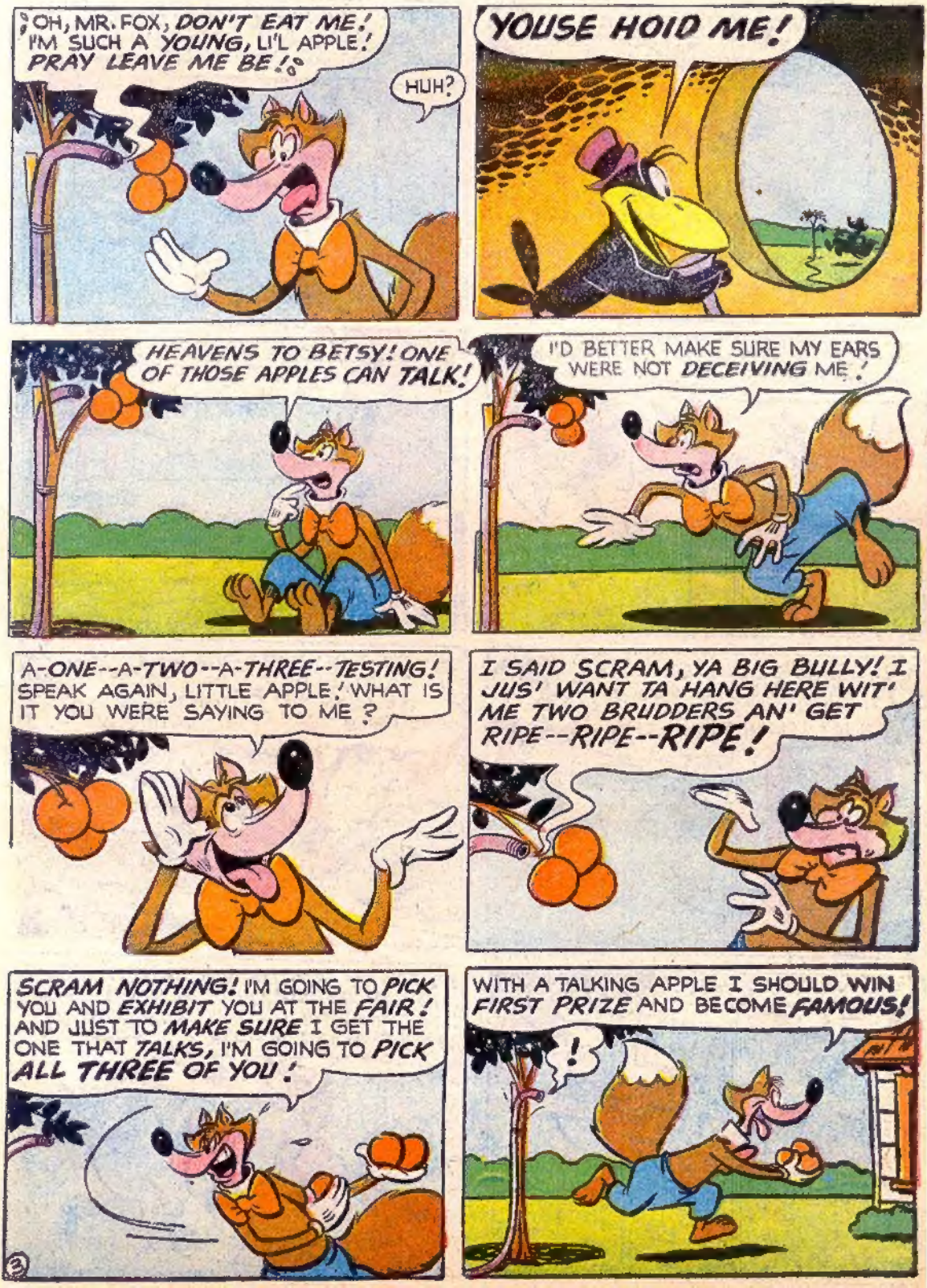
KAPOEY!
KAPOOEY!
KAPOW!
IF I'M GONNA ENJOY DAT APPLE FEAST I BEEN PLANNIN', I BETTER ACT FAST!


I GOT JUS' TIME ENOUGH TA PUT DIS HOSE UP AMONG DA APPLES AN--

--GET BACK TO ME TREE BEFORE FOXIE COMES OUT AGAIN!


NOW EVERT'ING'S ALL SET! AN' NONE TOO SOON, 'CAUSE DERE COMES FOXIE!


I SHALL SIT IN THE SHADE OF MY LITTLE APPLE TREE AND EAT ITS APPLES--ONE-TWO-THREE!


OH, MR. FOX, DON'T EAT ME! I'M SUCH A YOUNG, LI'L APPLE! PRAY LEAVE ME BE!
HUH?
YOUSE HOID ME!
HEAVENS TO BETSY! ONE OF THOSE APPLES CAN TALK!
I'D BETTER MAKE SURE MY EARS WERE NOT DECEIVING ME!
A-ONE--A-TWO--A-THREE--TESTING! SPEAK AGAIN, LITTLE APPLE! WHAT IS IT YOU WERE SAYING TO ME?
I SAID SCRAM, YA BIG BULLY! I JUS' WANT TA HANG HERE WIT' ME TWO BRUDDERS AN' GET RIPE--RIPE--RIPE!
SCRAM NOTHING! I'M GOING TO PICK YOU AND EXHIBIT YOU AT THE FAIR! AND JUST TO MAKE SURE I GET THE ONE THAT TALKS, I'M GOING TO PICK ALL THREE OF YOU!
WITH A TALKING APPLE I SHOULD WIN FIRST PRIZE AND BECOME FAMOUS!
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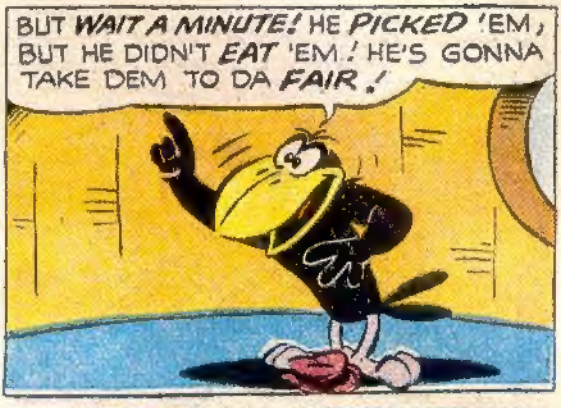
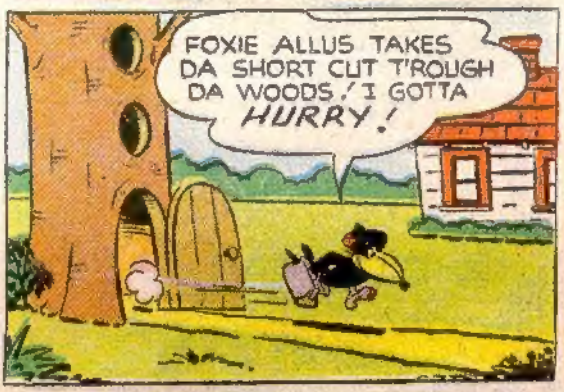
HOW YA LIKE DAT?! AFTER ALL DA TROUBLE I WENT TA, FOXIE PICKED DEM APPLES ANYWAY!
STOMP! STOMP!

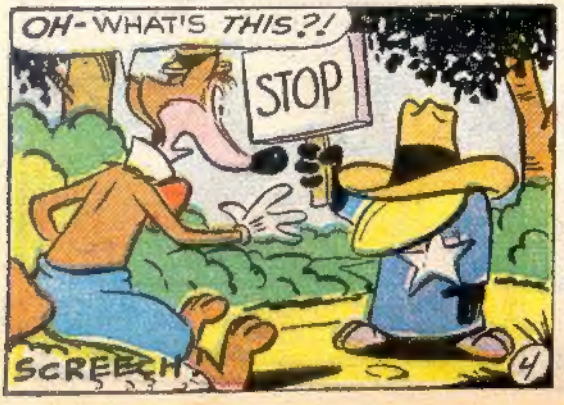

BUT WAIT A MINUTE! HE PICKED 'EM, BUT HE DIDN'T EAT 'EM! HE'S GONNA TAKE DEM TO DA FAIR!

DOSE APPLES WILL BE LUCKY IF DEY EVER GETS DERE!
COSTUMES FOR ALL OCCASIONS


FOXIE ALLUS TAKES DA SHORT CUT T'ROUGH DA WOODS! I GOTTA HURRY!

TO THE FAIR I WILL GO, TO THE FAIR I WILL GO, AND WIN FIRST PRIZE WITH MY TALKING APPLE-!

-- TO THE CROW I WILL CROW, TO THE CROW I WILL CROW, I'LL SHOW HIM FIRST PRI-ZEE AND HE'LL TURN GREEN WITH ENVIE-O!


OH-WHAT'S THIS?!
STOP
SCREECH!
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DIS IS DA FRUIT INSPECTOR AN' DERE'S A NASTY RUMOR OUT DAT SOMEONE IS GONNA TRY TA TAKE A TALKIN' APPLE INTO DA FAIR!
WHAT'S WRONG WITH THAT?

WHAT'S WRONG WIT' DAT?! WHAT IF A TALKIN' APPLE BECAME ROTTEN AN' STARTED YAKKIN' AT DA CRABAPPLES AN' STARTED DEM CRABBIN'--DAT'S WHAT COULD HAPPEN, FUZZFACE!
OH, NO! NOT THAT!
YOUSE GUESSED IT, BUB! NOW TELL ME WHAT YOUSE GOT IN DAT BASKET!
W-WHAT BASKET--?
DAT BASKET!
OH--YOU MEAN THIS BASKET? OH, NOTHING--NOTHING AT ALL!
LEMME SEE! LEMME SEE! LEMME SEE!
I MUSTN'T LET YOU SEE! I SIMPLY MUSTN'T!
OH, DEAR! NOW I'M IN TROUBLE WITH THE LAW! WHO WOULD EVER HAVE THOUGHT IT!
FOOM!
THEY'LL NEVER TAKE ME NEVER! NEVER! NEVER!
IT'S A GOOD T'ING I KNOW DA WAY DAT DA CROW FLIES--ODDERWISE I'D NEVER CATCH UP WIT' FOXIE AGAIN!
I'VE ALWAYS BEEN A LAW-ABIDING FOX--BUT NOW LOOK AT ME! OH, DEAR! WHAT SHALL I DO?!

I KNOW WHAT I'LL DO!
I'LL ABANDON THESE APPLES RIGHT HERE! NO ONE CAN PROVE THEY'RE MINE, AND I'LL BE IN THE CLEAR!
YIPPEE! NOW I'M FREE AS THE BREEZE! I CAN DO AS I PLEASE!
MMM-BOY! I CAN'T WAIT TA GET HOME AN' SINK ME CHOPPERS INTO DESE TEMPTIN' TASTE TEASERS!
HEY! LAY OFF, YA BIG BULLY!
PICK ON SOMEBODY YER OWN SIZE, ODDERWISE I'LL CALL OUT ME TWO BRUDDERS AN' WE'LL TRIM YA DOWN A PEG!
YOUSE HOID 'IM!
YEAH! LIKE HE SAID!
SOME DAYS IT DON'T PAY TA GET UP!
IMAGINE DA NOIVE A' DAT GUY!
YEAH! TRYIN' TA GOBBLE UP OUR HAPPY HOMES!
WELL, HE WON'T TRY IT AGAIN-- THAT'S FOR SURE!
PLOP!

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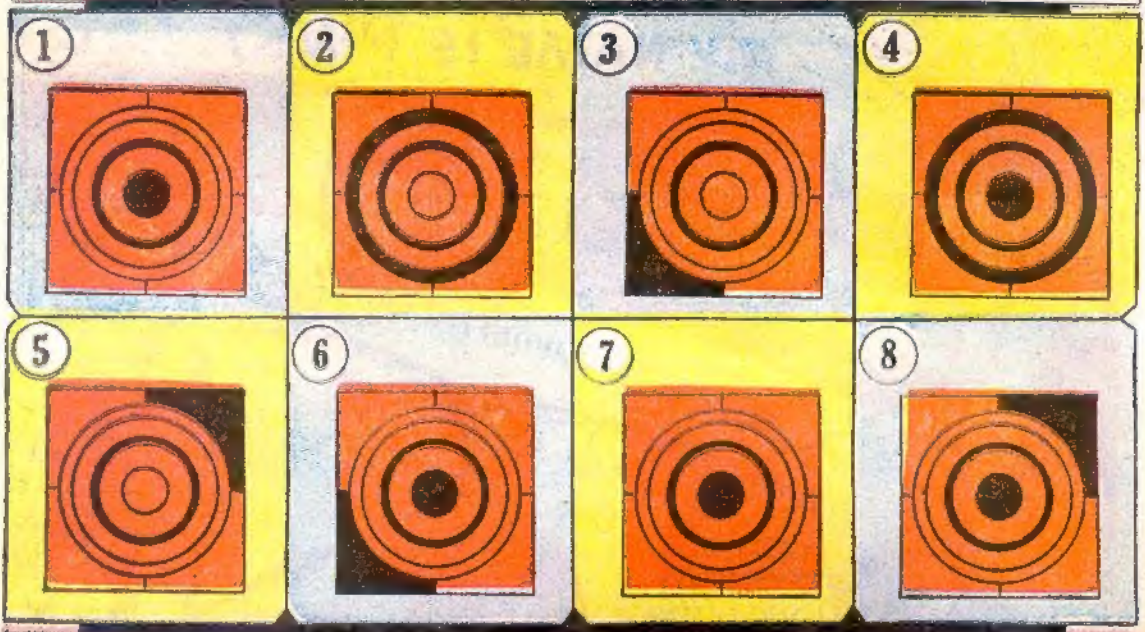

TWO OF THESE PICTURES ARE IDENTICAL. CAN YOU DISCOVER WHICH THEY ARE?

The ANSWER One and Seven

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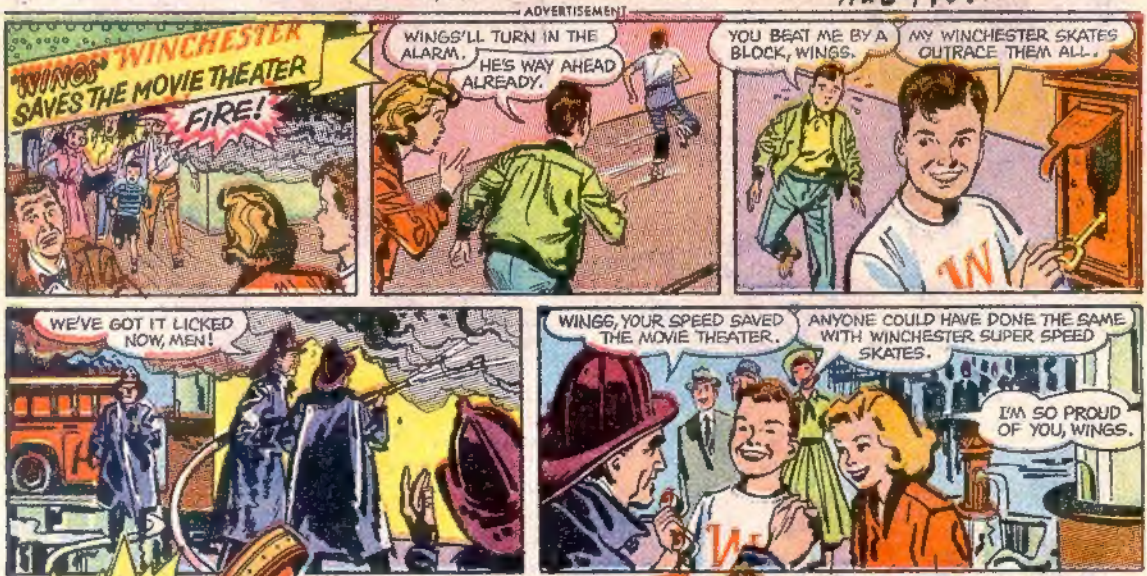
"WINGS" WINCHESTER SAVES THE MOVIE THEATER FIRE!
WINGS'LL TURN IN THE ALARM.
HE'S WAY AHEAD ALREADY.
YOU BEAT ME BY A BLOCK, WINGS.
MY WINCHESTER SKATES OUTRACE THEM ALL.
WE'VE GOT IT LICKED NOW, MEN!
WINGS, YOUR SPEED SAVED THE MOVIE THEATER.
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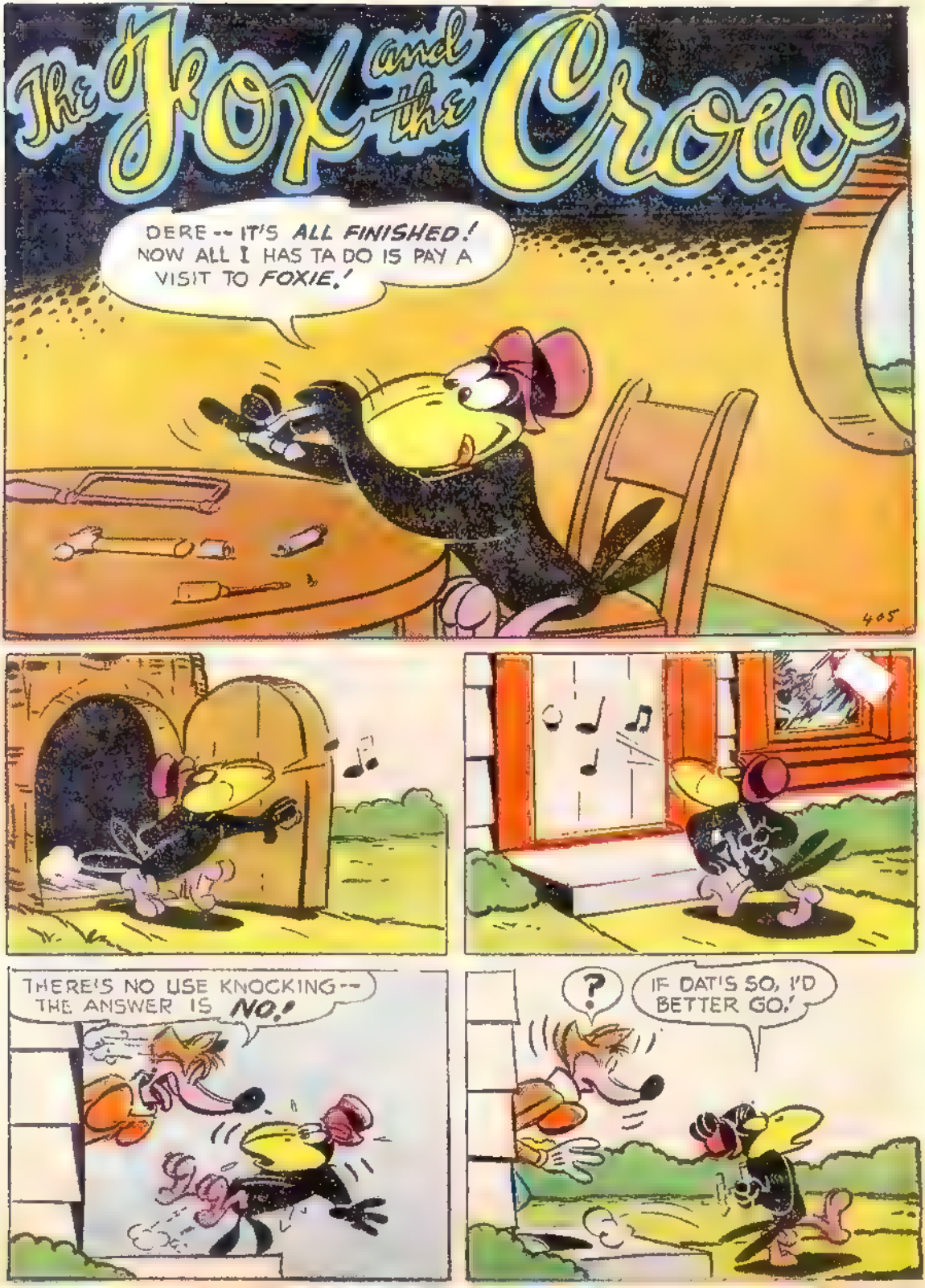
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DERE -- IT'S ALL FINISHED! NOW ALL I HAS TA DO IS PAY A VISIT TO FOXIE.!
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THERE'S NO USE KNOCKING -- THE ANSWER IS NO.!
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IF DAT'S SO, I'D BETTER GO.!

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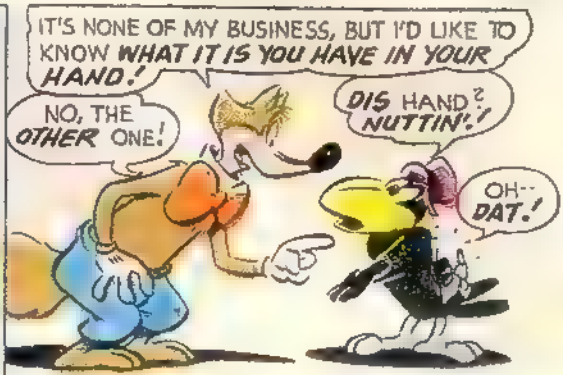
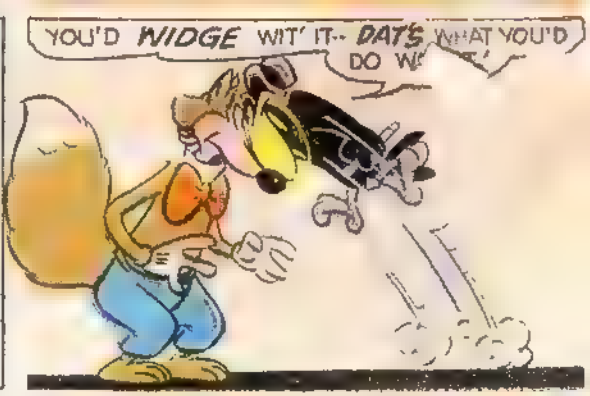
JUST A MINUTE, CROW!

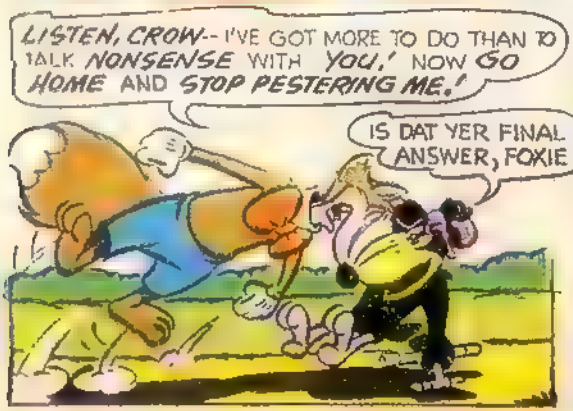

IT'S NONE OF MY BUSINESS, BUT I'D LIKE TO KNOW WHAT IT IS YOU HAVE IN YOUR HAND!
NO, THE OTHER ONE!
DIS HAND? NUTTIN'!
OH-- DAT!

IT'S A WIDGIT!
A WIDGIT??
DAT'S RIGHT!

WHAT ON EARTH IS A WIDGIT?
DIS IS A WIDGIT! AN' I CAME OVER TA SELL IT TO YOUSE!

HA! HA! HA! YOUR BRAIN MUST BE GETTING TIRED, CROW! WHAT WOULD I EVER DO WITH A WIDGIT?!


YOU'D WIDGE WIT' IT-- DAT'S


LISTEN, CROW-- I'VE GOT MORE TO DO THAN TO TALK NONSENSE WITH YOU! NOW GO HOME AND STOP PESTERING ME!
IS DAT YER FINAL ANSWER, FOXIE?

NO! SINCE YOU MENTION IT, THAT'S NOT MY FINAL ANSWER!

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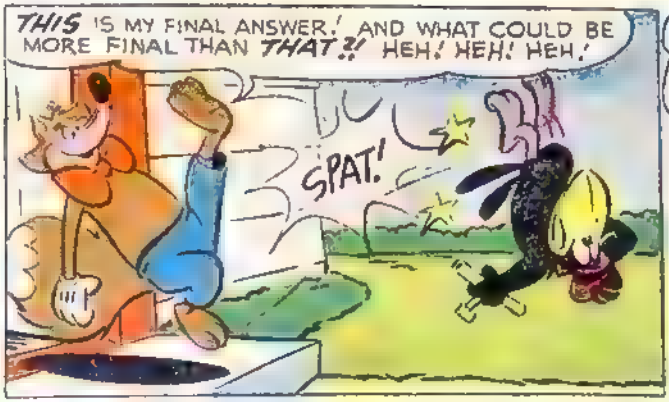
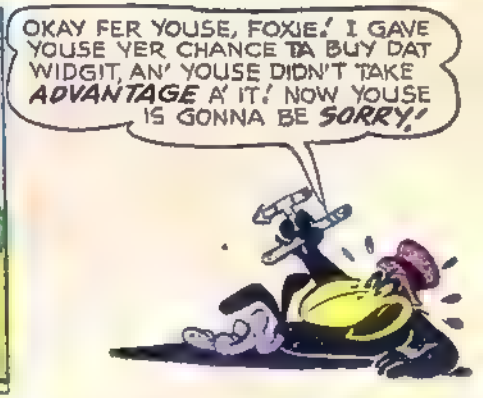
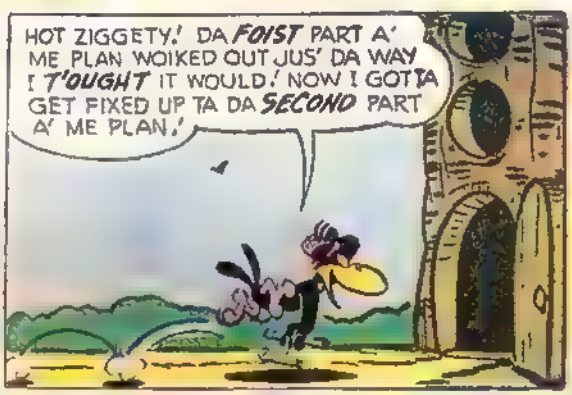
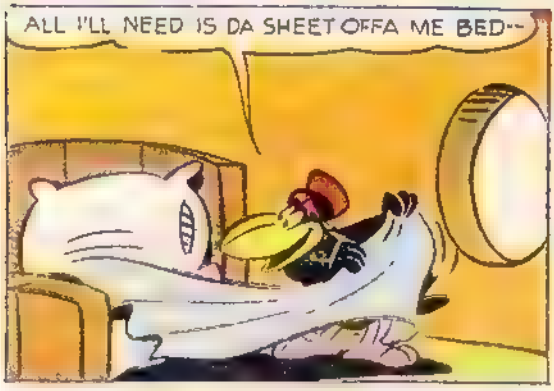
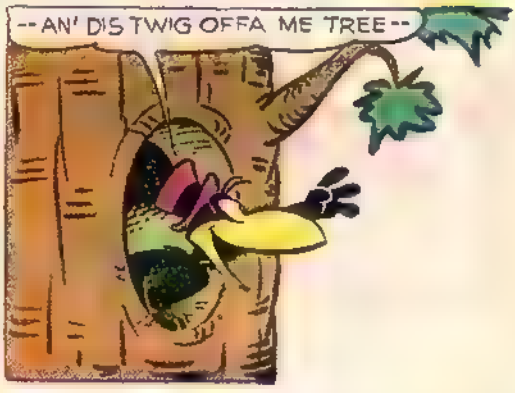

THIS IS MY FINAL ANSWER.' AND WHAT COULD BE MORE FINAL THAN THAT?! HEH! HEH! HEH!
SPAT!

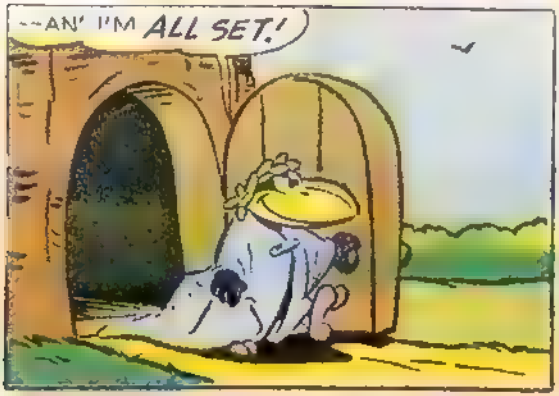

OKAY FER YOUSE, FOXIE.' I GAVE YOUSE YER CHANCE TA BUY DAT WIDGIT, AN' YOUSE DIDN'T TAKE ADVANTAGE A' IT.' NOW YOUSE IS GONNA BE SORRY.'

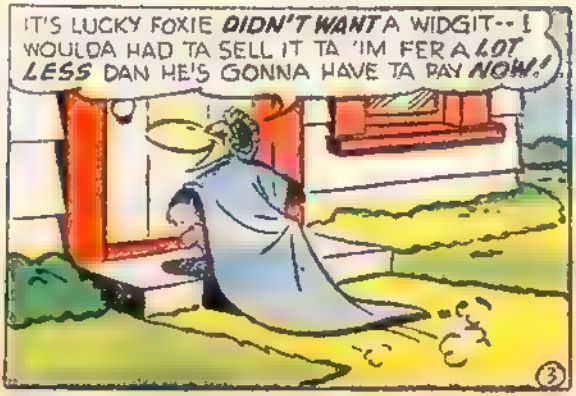
I'M NOT WORRIED ONE BIT, CROW.' I DIDN'T BUY IT AND I'M GLAD-- SO THERE.'


HOT ZIGGETY.' DA FOIST PART A' ME PLAN WOIKED OUT JUS' DA WAY I T'OUGHT IT WOULD.' NOW I GOTTA GET FIXED UP TA DA SECOND PART A' ME PLAN.'


ALL I'LL NEED IS DA SHEET OFFA ME BED--


--AN' DIS TWIG OFFA ME TREE--


--AN' I'M ALL SET.'


IT'S LUCKY FOXIE DIDN'T WANT A WIDGIT-- I WOULDA HAD TA SELL IT TA 'IM FER A LOT LESS DAN HE'S GONNA HAVE TA PAY NOW.'
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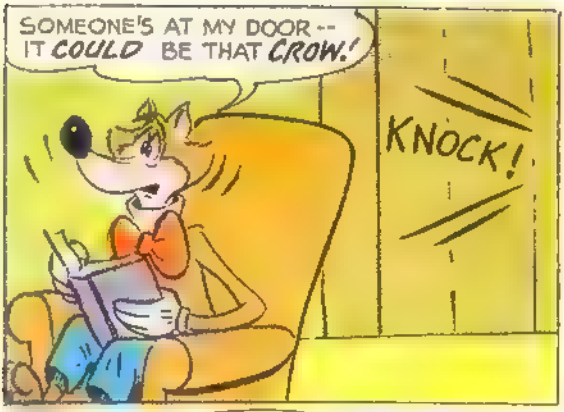
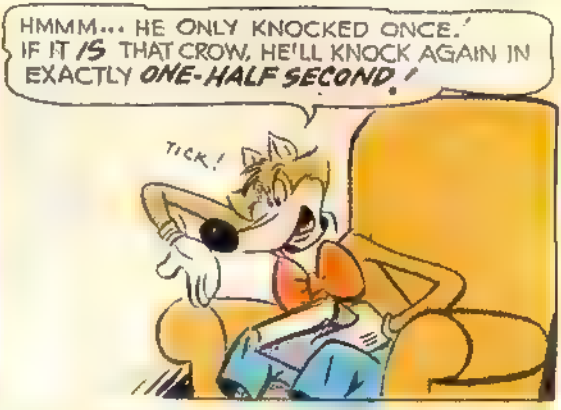
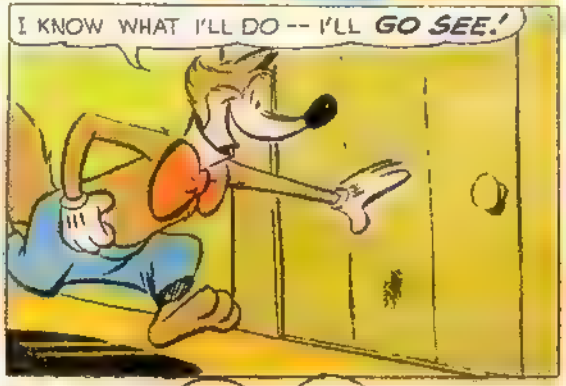
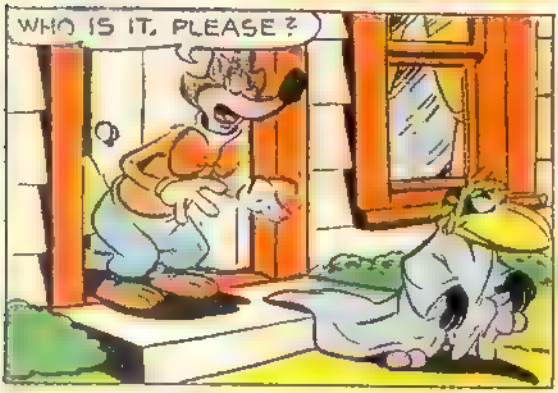

SOMEONE'S AT MY DOOR -- IT COULD BE THAT CROW!
KNOCK!


HMMM... HE ONLY KNOCKED ONCE. IF IT IS THAT CROW, HE'LL KNOCK AGAIN IN EXACTLY ONE-HALF SECOND!
TICK!

IT ISN'T THAT CROW -- HE DIDN'T KNOCK AGAIN! HMMM... I WONDER WHO IT COULD BE ?!?


I KNOW WHAT I'LL DO -- I'LL GO SEE!


WHO IS IT, PLEASE?

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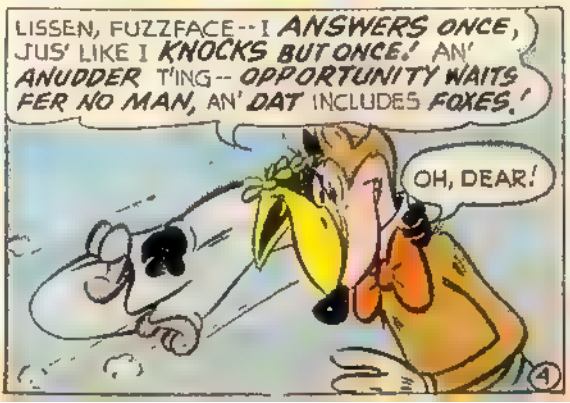
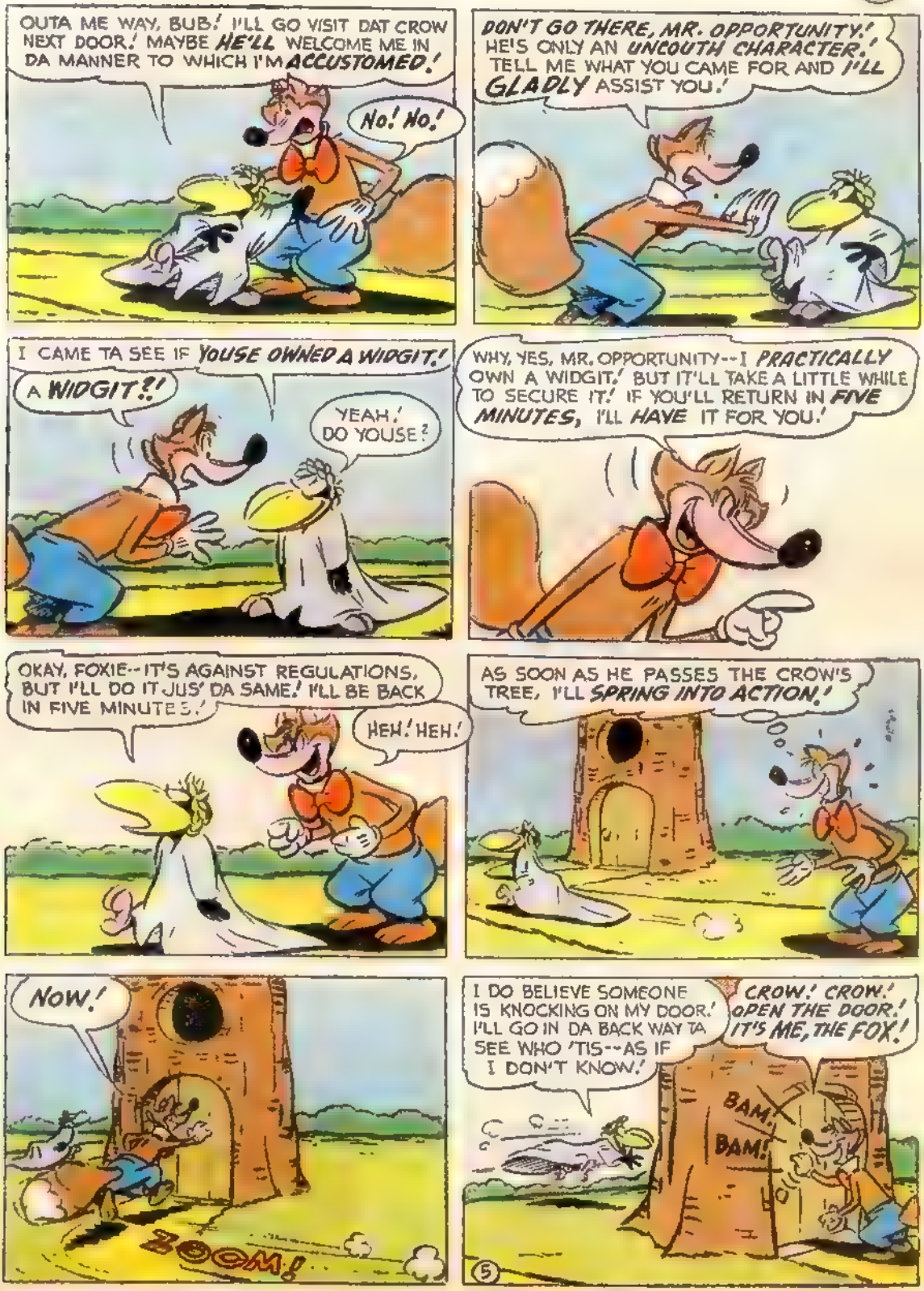
SEE HERE, MY GOOD FELLOW--WHO ARE YOU AND WHY DID YOU KNOCK ONCE ON MY PORTAL AND THEN DEPART?
I'M OPPORTUNITY!
YOU ARE?


LISSEN, FUZZFACE -- I ANSWERS ONCE, JUS' LIKE I KNOCKS BUT ONCE! AN' ANUDDER T'ING -- OPPORTUNITY WAITS FER NO MAN, AN' DAT INCLUDES FOXES!
OH, DEAR!


OUTA ME WAY, BUB! I'LL GO VISIT DAT CROW NEXT DOOR! MAYBE HE'LL WELCOME ME IN DA MANNER TO WHICH I'M ACCUSTOMED!
No! No!
DON'T GO THERE, MR. OPPORTUNITY! HE'S ONLY AN UNCOUTH CHARACTER! TELL ME WHAT YOU CAME FOR AND I'LL GLADLY ASSIST YOU!
I CAME TA SEE IF YOUSE OWNED A WIDGIT!
A WIDGIT?!
YEAH! DO YOUSE?
WHY, YES, MR. OPPORTUNITY--I PRACTICALLY OWN A WIDGIT! BUT IT'LL TAKE A LITTLE WHILE TO SECURE IT! IF YOU'LL RETURN IN FIVE MINUTES, I'LL HAVE IT FOR YOU!
OKAY, FOXIE--IT'S AGAINST REGULATIONS, BUT I'LL DO IT JUS' DA SAME! I'LL BE BACK IN FIVE MINUTES!
HEH! HEH!
AS SOON AS HE PASSES THE CROW'S TREE, I'LL SPRING INTO ACTION!
NOW!
ZOOM!
I DO BELIEVE SOMEONE IS KNOCKING ON MY DOOR! I'LL GO IN DA BACK WAY TA SEE WHO 'TIS--AS IF I DON'T KNOW!
CROW! CROW! OPEN THE DOOR! IT'S ME, THE FOX!
BAM!
BAM!
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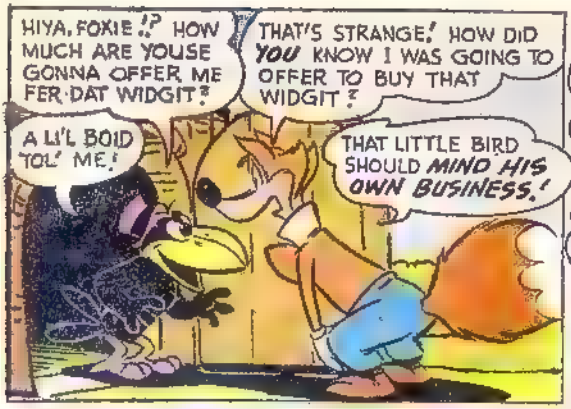
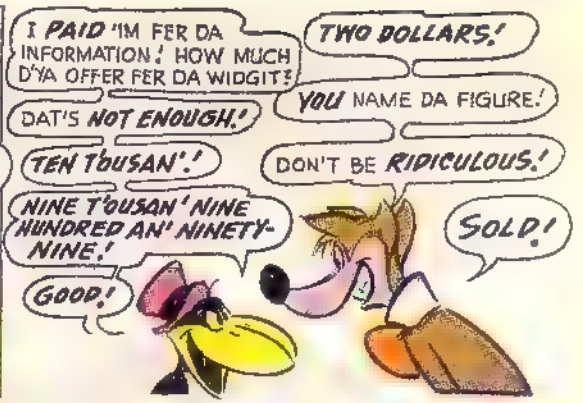
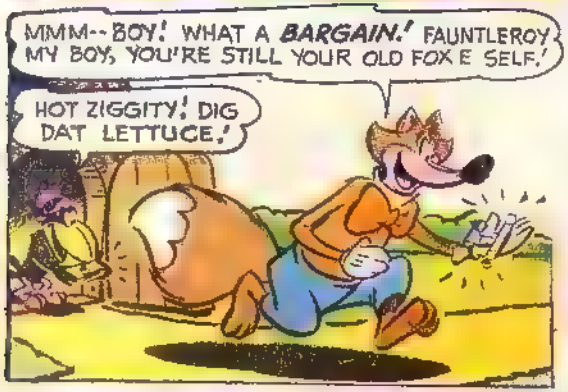
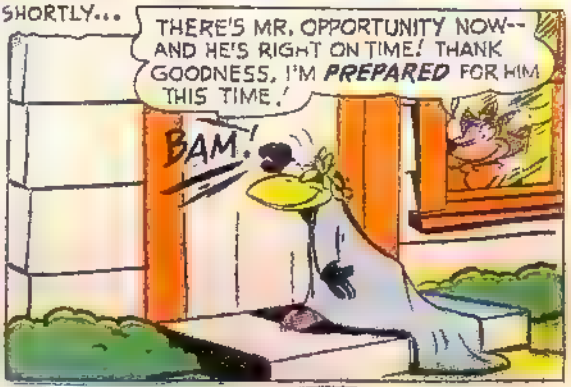
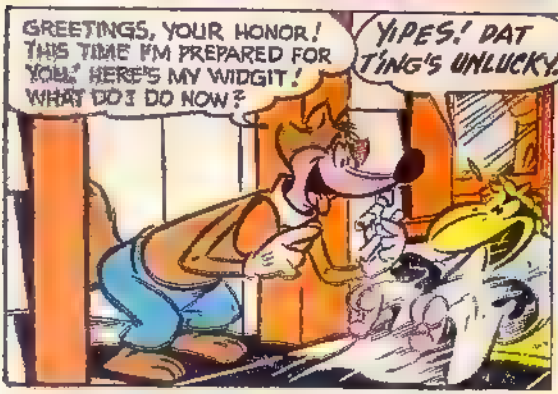

HIYA, FOXIE!? HOW MUCH ARE YOUSE GONNA OFFER ME FER DAT WIDGIT?
A LI'L BOID TOL' ME!
THAT'S STRANGE! HOW DID YOU KNOW I WAS GOING TO OFFER TO BUY THAT WIDGIT?
THAT LITTLE BIRD SHOULD MIND HIS OWN BUSINESS!

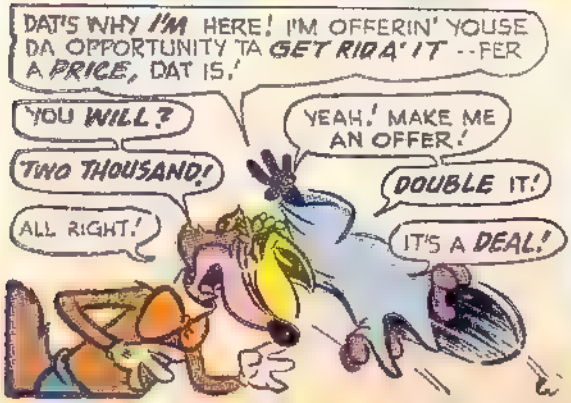

I PAID 'IM FER DA INFORMATION! HOW MUCH D'YA OFFER FER DA WIDGIT?
TWO DOLLARS!
YOU NAME DA FIGURE!
DAT'S NOT ENOUGH!
DON'T BE RIDICULOUS!
TEN T'OUSAN'!
NINE T'OUSAN' NINE HUNDRED AN' NINETY-NINE!
SOLD!
GOOD!

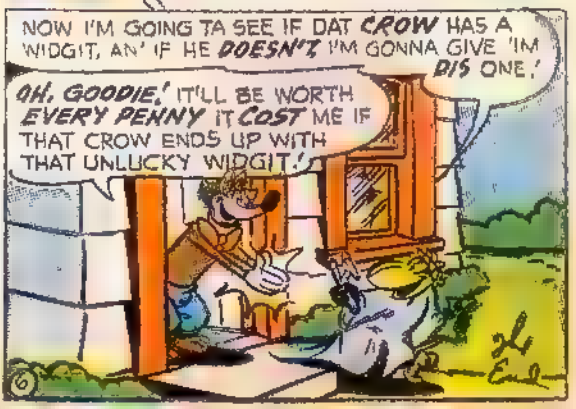

MMM--BOY! WHAT A BARGAIN! FAUNTLEROY MY BOY, YOU'RE STILL YOUR OLD FOX E SELF!
HOT ZIGGITY! DIG DAT LETTUCE!


SHORTLY...
THERE'S MR. OPPORTUNITY NOW-- AND HE'S RIGHT ON TIME! THANK GOODNESS, I'M PREPARED FOR HIM THIS TIME!
BAM!


GREETINGS, YOUR HONOR! THIS TIME I'M PREPARED FOR YOU! HERE'S MY WIDGIT! WHAT DO I DO NOW?
YIPES! DAT T'ING'S UNLUCKY!

IT 15--? OH, DEAR! I'LL GET RID OF IT RIGHT AWAY!
IT WON'T BE EASY! YOUSE CAN'T T'ROW IT AWAY, 'CAUSE DAT'S AGAINST DA RULES! AN' YOUSE CAN'T SELL IT OR GIVE IT AWAY, 'CAUSE EVERY-BODY KNOWS IT'S UNLUCKY TA OWN A WIDGIT!
WHAT'LL I DO?


DAT'S WHY I'M HERE! I'M OFFERIN' YOUSE DA OPPORTUNITY TA GET RIDA' IT --FER A PRICE, DAT IS.'
YOU WILL?
YEAH! MAKE ME AN OFFER!
TWO THOUSAND!
DOUBLE IT!
ALL RIGHT!
IT'S A DEAL!


NOW I'M GOING TA SEE IF DAT CROW HAS A WIDGIT, AN' IF HE DOESN'T, I'M GONNA GIVE 'IM DIS ONE!
OH, GOODIE! IT'LL BE WORTH EVERY PENNY IT COST ME IF THAT CROW ENDS UP WITH THAT UNLUCKY WIDGIT!

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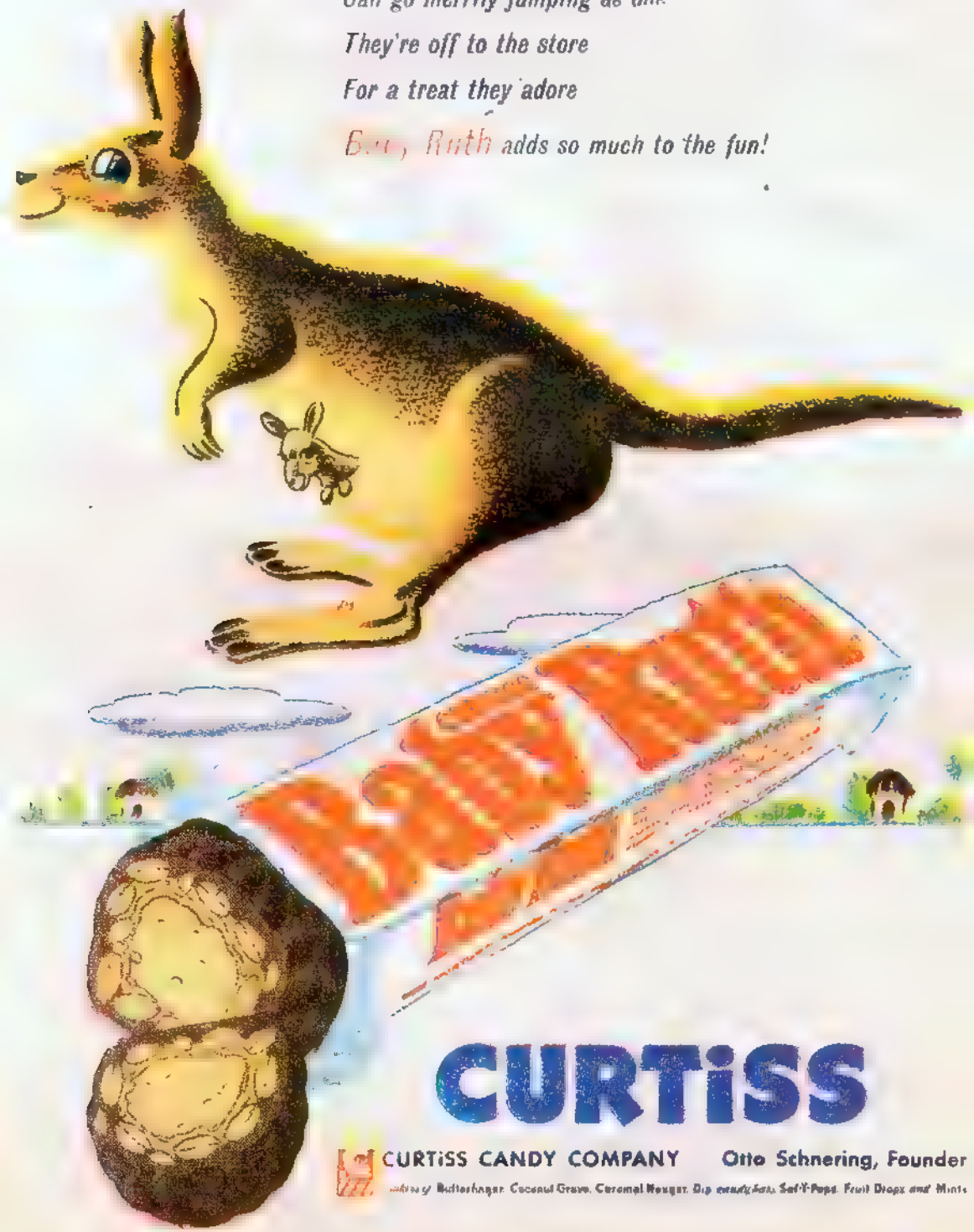

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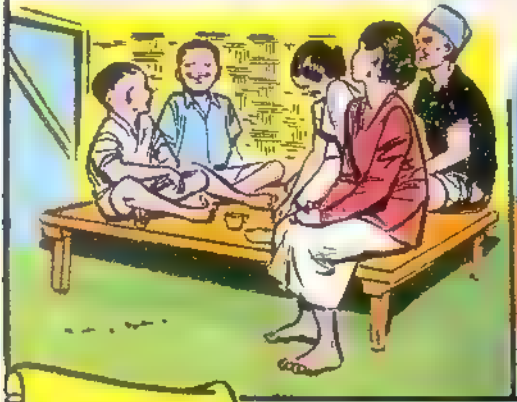
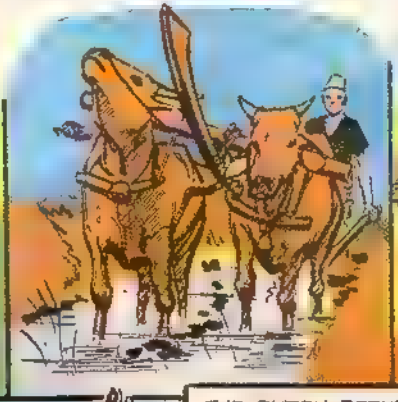
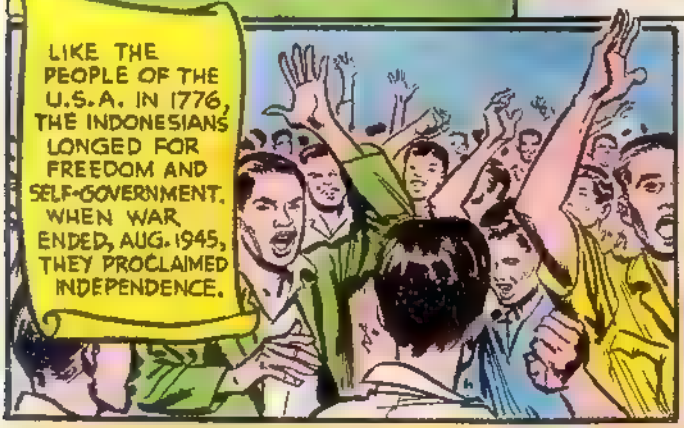
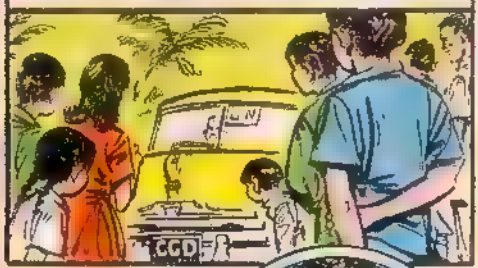




LIKE THE PEOPLE OF THE U.S.A. IN 1776, THE INDONESIANS LONGED FOR FREEDOM AND SELF-GOVERNMENT. WHEN WAR ENDED, AUG. 1945, THEY PROCLAIMED INDEPENDENCE.



THE DUTCH RETURNED. FIGHTING BEGAN, ONE AGREEMENT WAS MADE, AND BROKEN. THEN THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL ORDERED A CEASE-FIRE AND SENT A SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO JAVA TO HELP GET ANOTHER AGREEMENT.



THIS ONE, SIGNED ON THE USS RENVILLE, WAS BROKEN, TOO. THE UN APPOINTED A COMMISSION TO MEET IN HOLLAND WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF BOTH SIDES. AFTER LONG DISCUSSION, THE DISPUTE WAS SETTLED. ON DEC. 27, 1949, FREEDOM WAS GRANTED.

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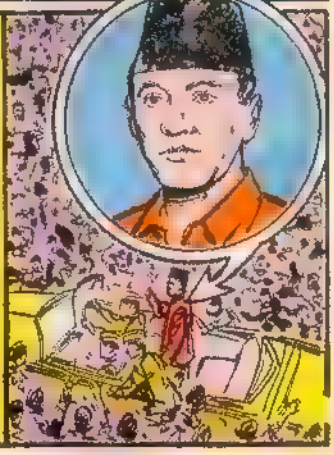

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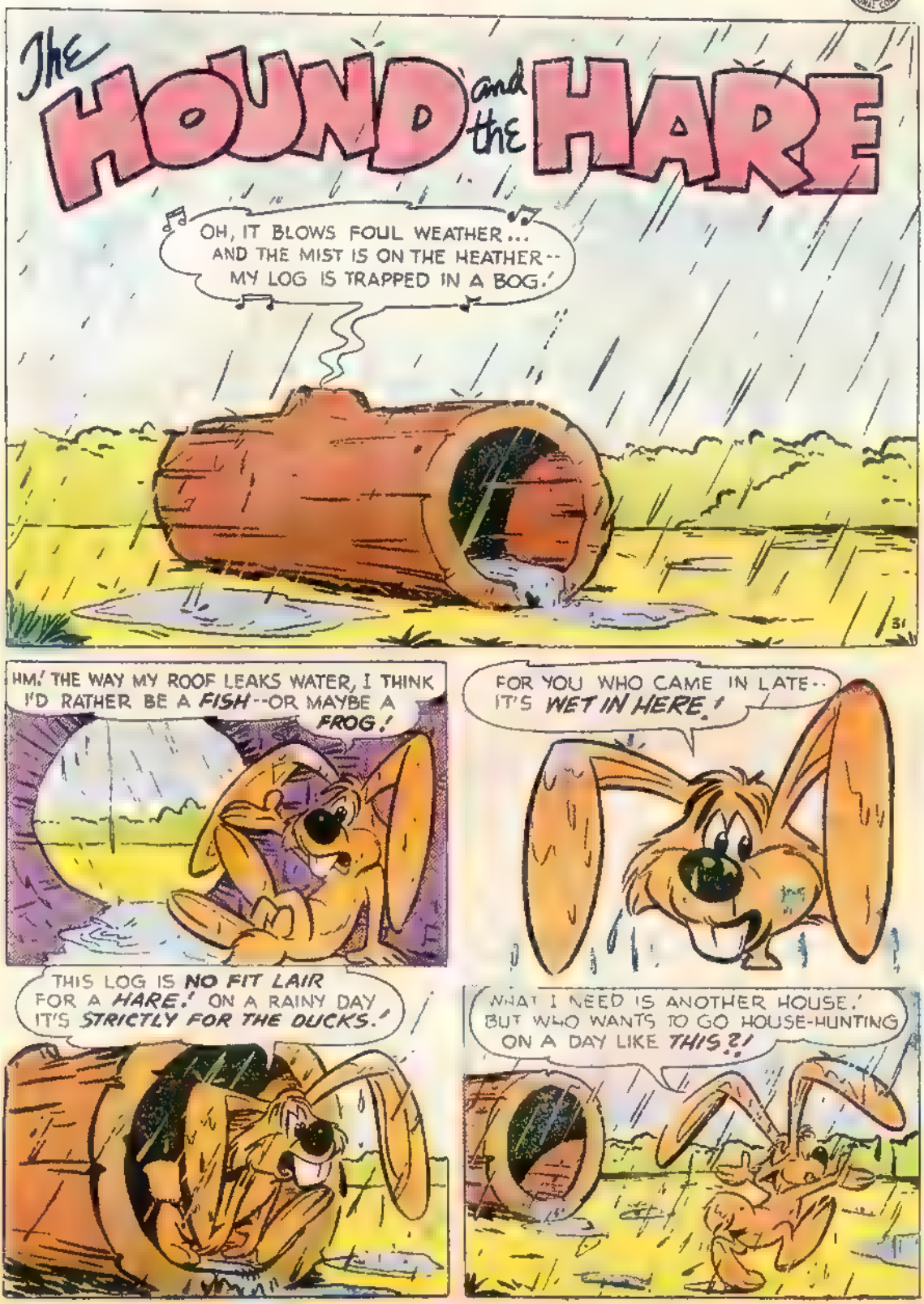
The HOUND and the HARE
OH, IT BLOWS FOUL WEATHER... AND THE MIST IS ON THE HEATHER-- MY LOG IS TRAPPED IN A BOG.'
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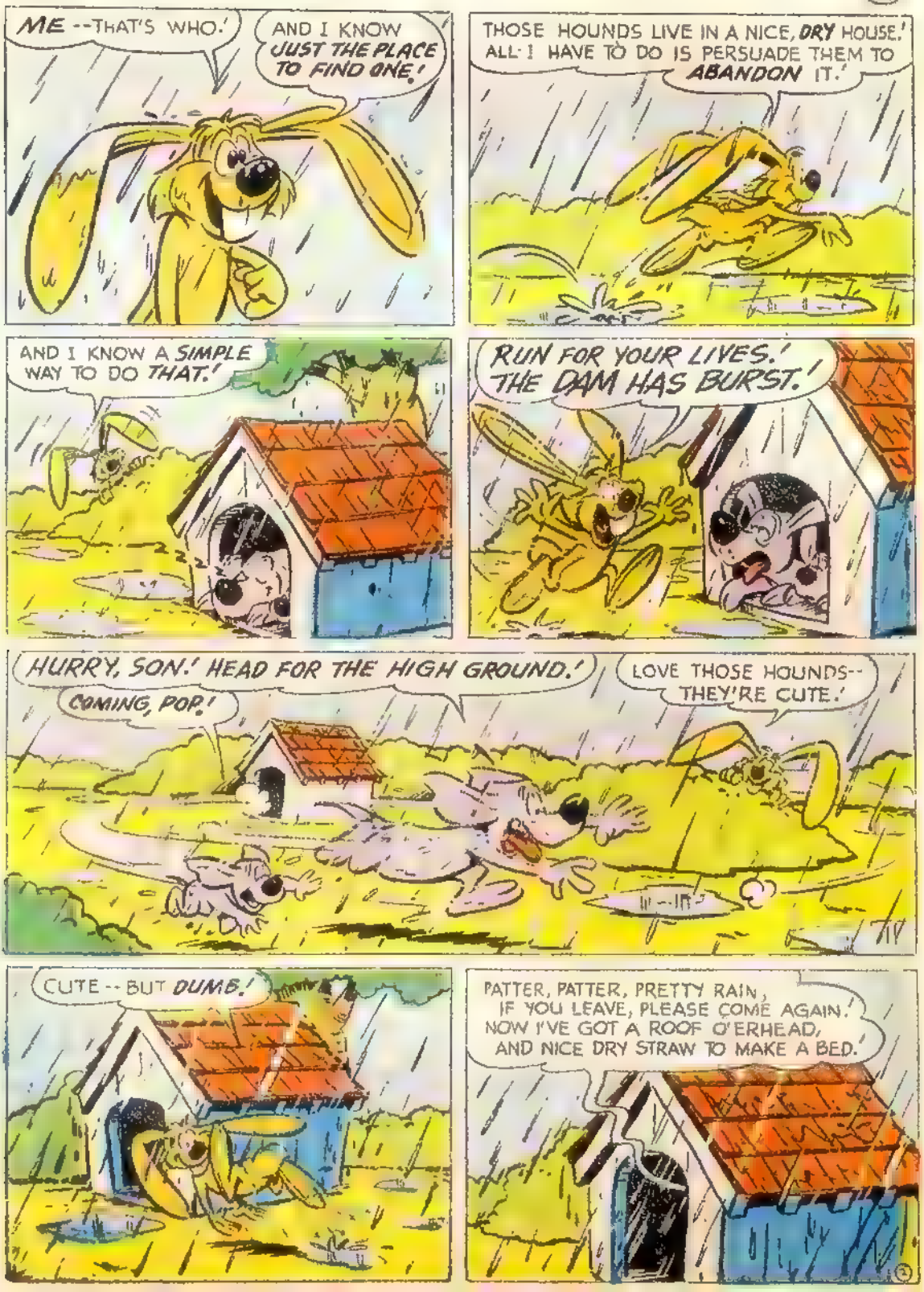
HM.' THE WAY MY ROOF LEAKS WATER, I THINK I'D RATHER BE A FISH--OR MAYBE A FROG!
FOR YOU WHO CAME IN LATE-- IT'S WET IN HERE.!
THIS LOG IS NO FIT LAIR FOR A HARE.' ON A RAINY DAY IT'S STRICTLY FOR THE DUCKS.'
WHAT I NEED IS ANOTHER HOUSE.' BUT WHO WANTS TO GO HOUSE-HUNTING ON A DAY LIKE THIS?!


ME --THAT'S WHO.'
AND I KNOW JUST THE PLACE TO FIND ONE.'
THOSE HOUNDS LIVE IN A NICE, DRY HOUSE.' ALL I HAVE TO DO IS PERSUADE THEM TO ABANDON IT.'
AND I KNOW A SIMPLE WAY TO DO THAT.'
RUN FOR YOUR LIVES.' THE DAM HAS BURST.'
HURRY, SON.' HEAD FOR THE HIGH GROUND.'
COMING, POP.'
LOVE THOSE HOUNDS-- THEY'RE CUTE.'
CUTE -- BUT DUMB.'
PATTER, PATTER, PRETTY RAIN, IF YOU LEAVE, PLEASE COME AGAIN.' NOW I'VE GOT A ROOF O'ERHEAD, AND NICE DRY STRAW TO MAKE A BED.'

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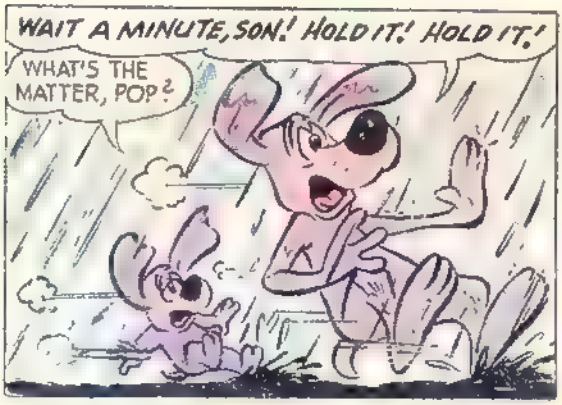
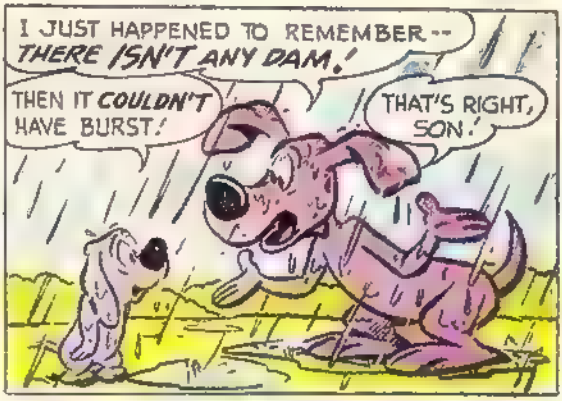
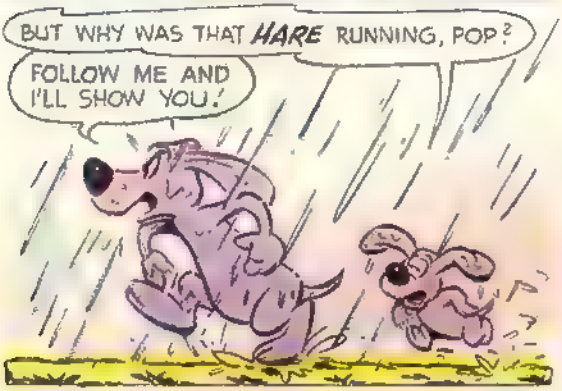
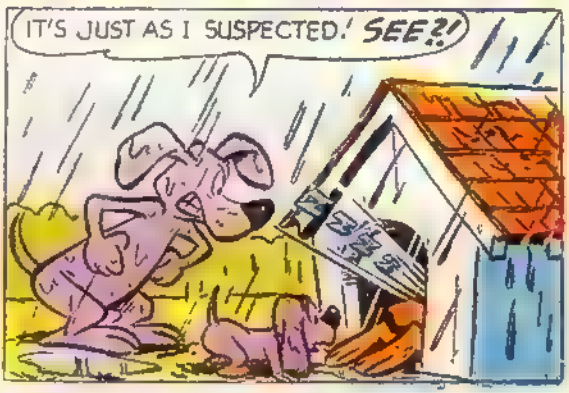
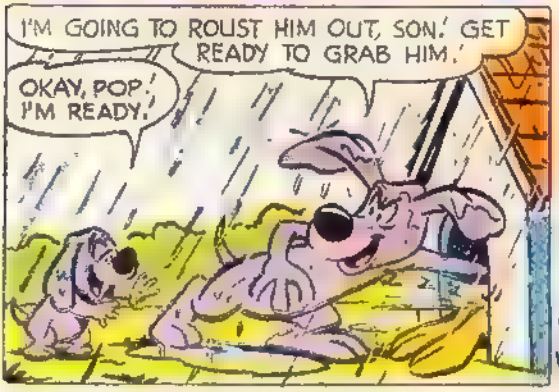
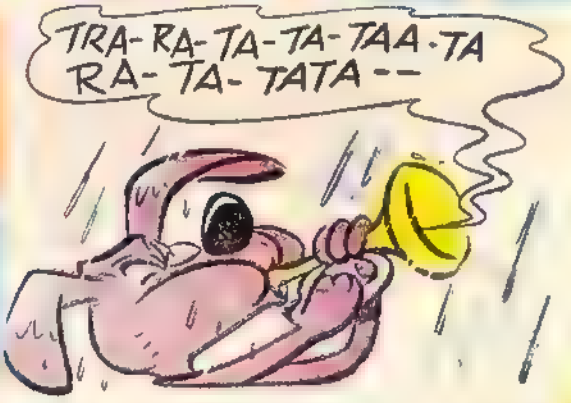

WAIT A MINUTE, SON! HOLD IT! HOLD IT!
WHAT'S THE MATTER, POP?


I JUST HAPPENED TO REMEMBER -- THERE ISN'T ANY DAM!
THEN IT COULDN'T HAVE BURST!
THAT'S RIGHT, SON!


BUT WHY WAS THAT HARE RUNNING, POP?
FOLLOW ME AND I'LL SHOW YOU!


IT'S JUST AS I SUSPECTED! SEE?!


I'M GOING TO ROUST HIM OUT, SON! GET READY TO GRAB HIM!
OKAY, POP! I'M READY.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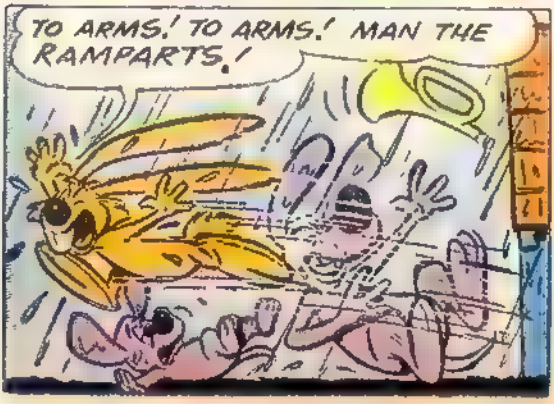
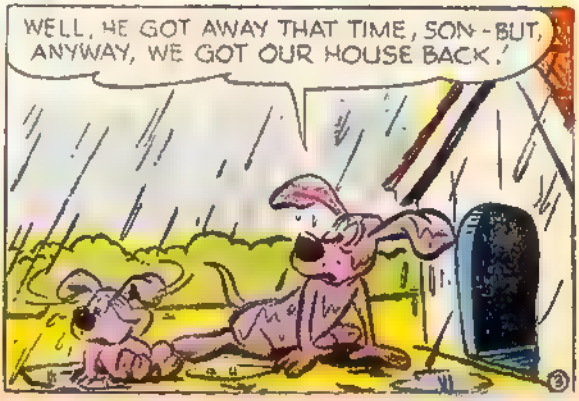
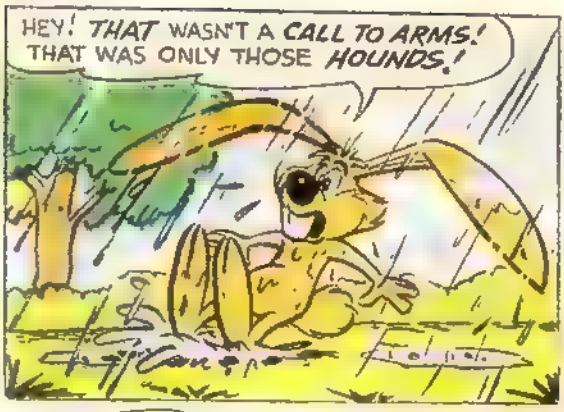
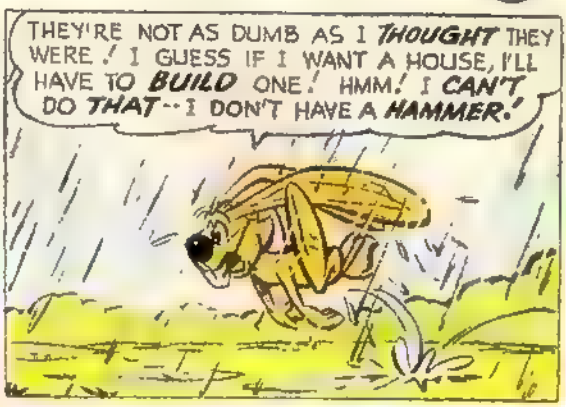
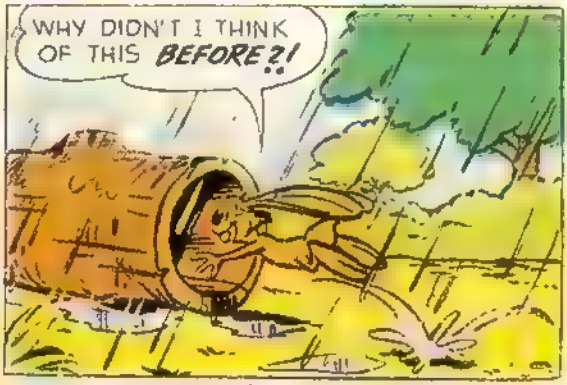

TO ARMS! TO ARMS! MAN THE RAMPARTS!

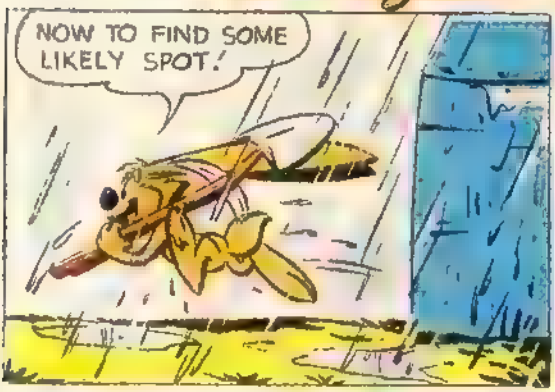

WELL, HE GOT AWAY THAT TIME, SON - BUT, ANYWAY, WE GOT OUR HOUSE BACK!

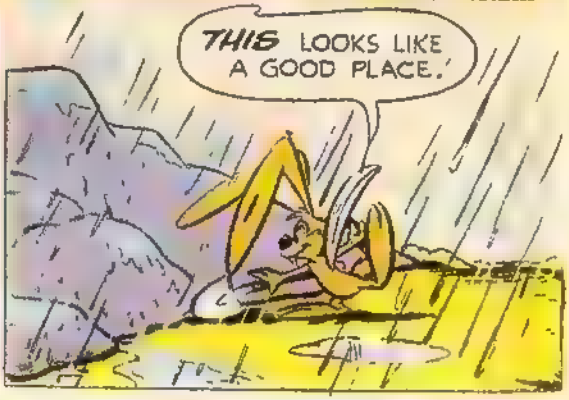

HEY! THAT WASN'T A CALL TO ARMS! THAT WAS ONLY THOSE HOUNDS!

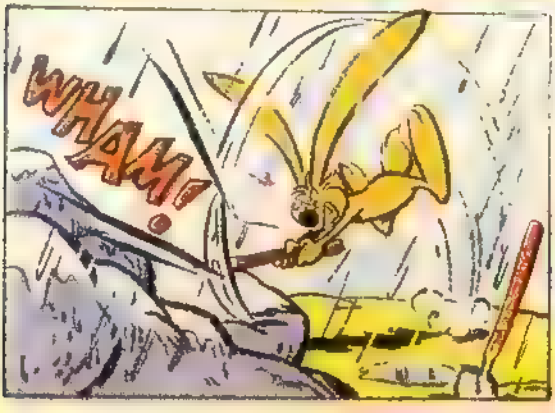

THEY'RE NOT AS DUMB AS I THOUGHT THEY WERE! I GUESS IF I WANT A HOUSE, I'LL HAVE TO BUILD ONE! HMM! I CAN'T DO THAT--I DON'T HAVE A HAMMER!

--BUT I HAVE A PICK AND SHOVEL!! I COULD DIG ONE!


WHY DIDN'T I THINK OF THIS BEFORE?!


NOW TO FIND SOME LIKELY SPOT!


THIS LOOKS LIKE A GOOD PLACE!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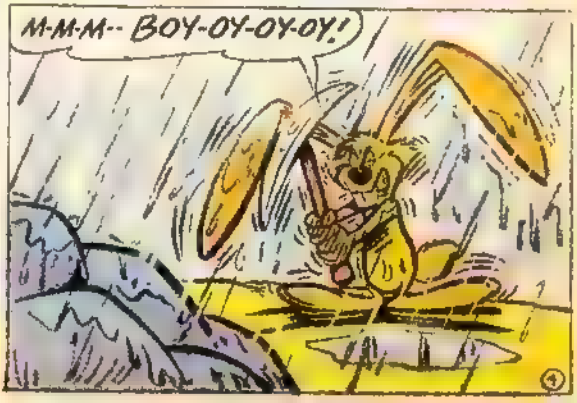
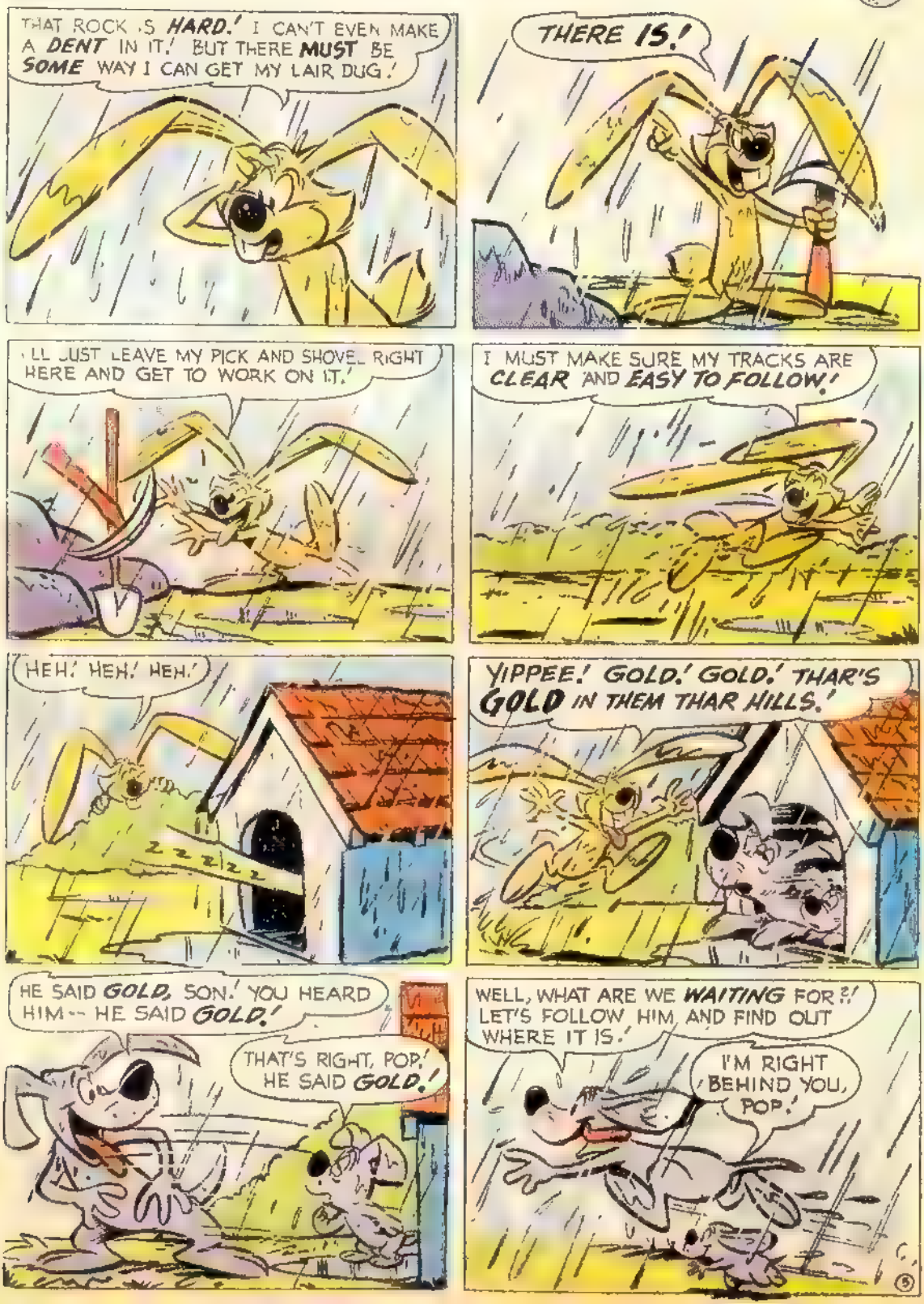

M-M-M-- BOY-OY-OY-OY!


THAT ROCK IS HARD.' I CAN'T EVEN MAKE A DENT IN IT.' BUT THERE MUST BE SOME WAY I CAN GET MY LAIR DUG.'
THERE IS.'
I'LL JUST LEAVE MY PICK AND SHOVEL RIGHT HERE AND GET TO WORK ON IT.'
I MUST MAKE SURE MY TRACKS ARE CLEAR AND EASY TO FOLLOW.'
HEH.' HEH.' HEH.'
YIPPEE.' GOLD.' GOLD.' THAR'S GOLD IN THEM THAR HILLS.'
HE SAID GOLD, SON.' YOU HEARD HIM -- HE SAID GOLD.'
THAT'S RIGHT, POP.' HE SAID GOLD.'
WELL, WHAT ARE WE WAITING FOR?! LET'S FOLLOW HIM, AND FIND OUT WHERE IT IS.'
I'M RIGHT BEHIND YOU, POP.'

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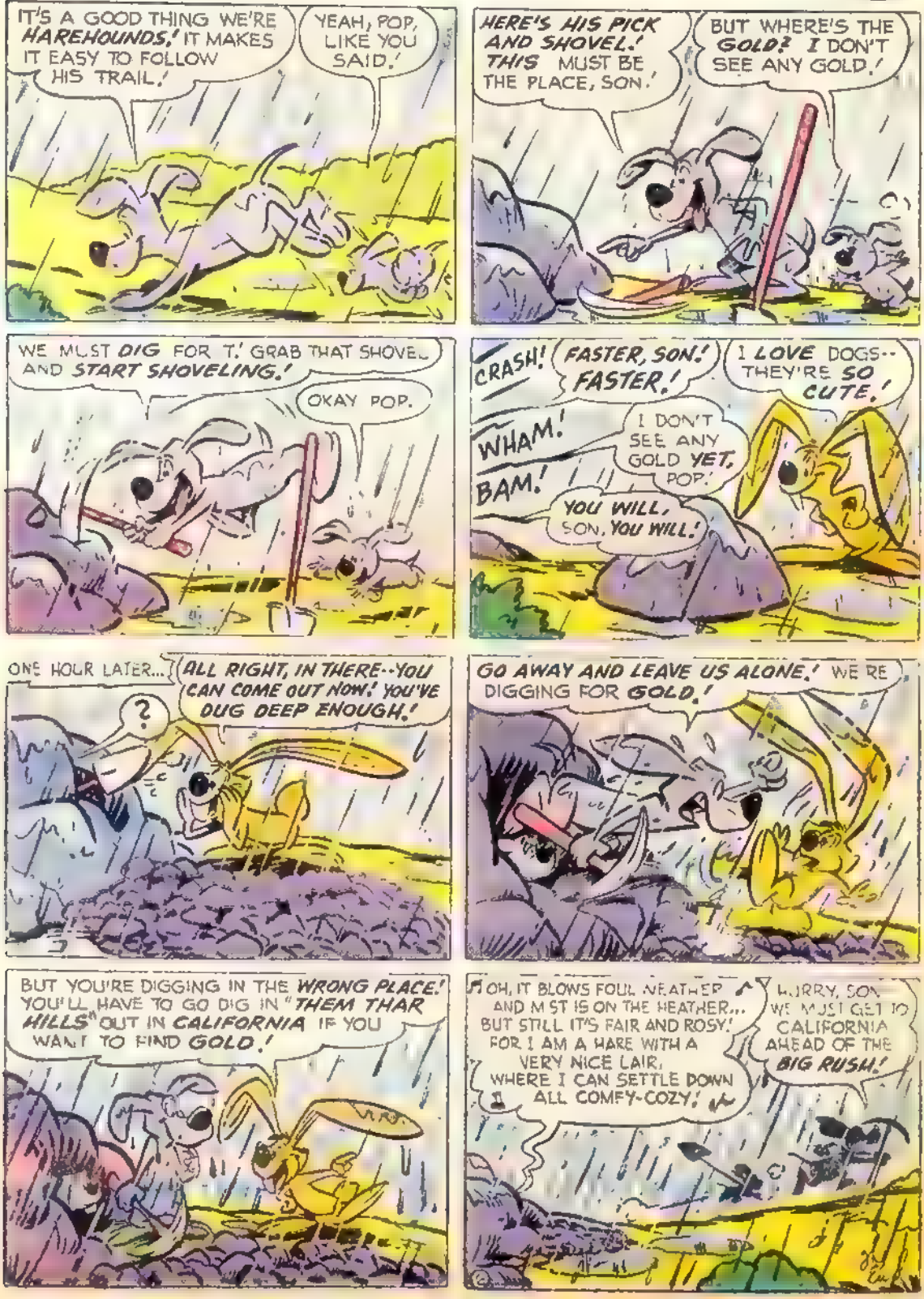
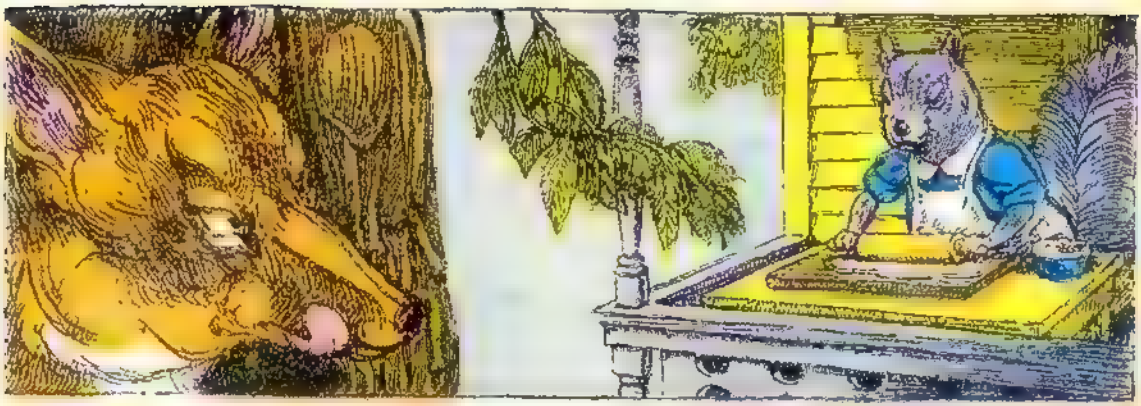

IT'S A GOOD THING WE'RE HAREHOUNDS.' IT MAKES IT EASY TO FOLLOW HIS TRAIL.'
YEAH, POP, LIKE YOU SAID.'
HERE'S HIS PICK AND SHOVEL.' THIS MUST BE THE PLACE, SON.'
BUT WHERE'S THE GOLD? I DON'T SEE ANY GOLD.'
WE MUST DIG FOR T.' GRAB THAT SHOVEL AND START SHOVELING.'
OKAY POP.
CRASH!
FASTER, SON.' FASTER.'
I LOVE DOGS-- THEY'RE SO CUTE.'
WHAM!
BAM!
I DON'T SEE ANY GOLD YET, POP.'
YOU WILL, SON, YOU WILL.'
ONE HOUR LATER...
ALL RIGHT, IN THERE--YOU CAN COME OUT NOW.' YOU'VE DUG DEEP ENOUGH.'
?
GO AWAY AND LEAVE US ALONE.' WE RE DIGGING FOR GOLD.'
BUT YOU'RE DIGGING IN THE WRONG PLACE.' YOU'LL HAVE TO GO DIG IN "THEM THAR HILLS" OUT IN CALIFORNIA IF YOU WANT TO FIND GOLD.'
OH, IT BLOWS FOUL WEATHER AND MIST IS ON THE HEATHER... BUT STILL IT'S FAIR AND ROSY! FOR I AM A HARE WITH A VERY NICE LAIR, WHERE I CAN SETTLE DOWN ALL COMFY-COZY.
HURRY, SON WE MUST GET TO CALIFORNIA AHEAD OF THE BIG RUSH.'

HANDLE WITH CARE



"WHAT are you doing, Sadie?" asked Philip Fox, watching with his customary sneer as Sadie Squirrel rolled out some dough on her back-porch table.

"None of your business," replied Sadie, for she knew the Fox brothers only *too* well! As soon as they started asking questions, you could be sure they had something rascally up their sleeves. "Go find your brother and tease someone else!"

"Why, Sadie!" protested Philip, very innocent-like. "I'm not teasing you. I asked a civil question, that's all."

"Well"—the squirrel decided maybe it wouldn't hurt to tell (perhaps, even, this was one of Philip's rare *nice* days)—"Well, if you must know, I'm baking a hazelnut pie!"

"*A hazelnut pie!*" The fox's mouth began to water. If there was one thing in all the world he *loved,* it was *hazelnut pie!* "When will you finish baking it?"

"Never mind, never mind—*because you can't have a piece of it, anyway.* Don't get your hopes up. You're always trying to get something for nothing, you and that brother of yours!"

"Aw, come on now, Sadie, don't be selfish! I just—"

"I'm sorry, Philip, but I'm baking this pie for my cousin, and I certainly don't intend to present her with a pie that has a piece cut out of it. If you're so keen on hazelnut pie, why don't you bake one yourself?"

"I don't know how!"

"You don't know how to do *anything,* you and your mean brother, except to beg, borrow, swipe, and sneak around playing tricks on all of us good, hard-working animals! You should be *ashamed* of yourselves!"

"*Ha ha! Ashamed!*" Philip Fox had no conscience at all.

"Go away now!" Sadie Squirrel rolled a rolling pin across the dough and poured in the mound of tasty chopped hazelnuts in their syrupy sauce. "Stop bothering me!"

Philip slithered away to sulk behind a nearby tree. He wondered where his brother Freddy was. Together they'd be able to think up some good plan of

getting this pie away from Sadie. But since Freddy wasn't around, Philip decided he'd have to think it out for himself. Suddenly a greedy, mean smile lit up his sharp, little face. *He had an idea!*

Dodging from tree to tree so that the busy, little squirrel wouldn't see him, he got to the front of her house and at the front door knocked three times. KNOCK! KNOCK! KNOCK! Then, as soon as he heard her footsteps hurrying through the house, he dashed around to the back porch. He was hoping to steal the finished pie, but—oh dear, oh dear—he saw now that she hadn't even put it in the oven yet. His plan was *ruined!* So griped was Philip that the pie wasn't ready and that he'd never get a piece of it, that he said to himself, "Well, at least I can fix it so *nobody else* enjoys it, either!" Then he grabbed a handful of some stuff off the floor and quickly thrust it into the pie-filling. He heard Sadie returning then, so he dashed home to find Freddy.

Freddy Fox, however, wasn't at home. He was downtown, trying, as usual, to find something to eat without having to pay for it. He had tried reaching into the bakery shop window for his very favorite goodie—a hazelnut pie—but the baker had caught him in the act, so all that Freddy had gotten out of that was a good, hard push which landed him on the sidewalk in a rumpled heap. Now he was brushing himself off as he walked up the street muttering, "I'd better find Philip, and maybe together we can work out a good, dishonest plot!"

"You looking for your brother?" Sadie Squirrel was coming out of her house. "He disappeared from here just a few minutes ago."

Freddy didn't reply. All he noticed was the pie in Sadie's hand. He could smell its delicious aroma. *Hazelnut!* "Very nice of you to bring me out something to eat," he grinned, licking his lips.

"Don't be foolish. This is for my cousin. You don't deserve—"

"This *was* for your cousin, you mean!" Freddy snatched the pie out of her hand and ran up the street, laughing, *"Now it's mine! Ha ha ha ha!"*

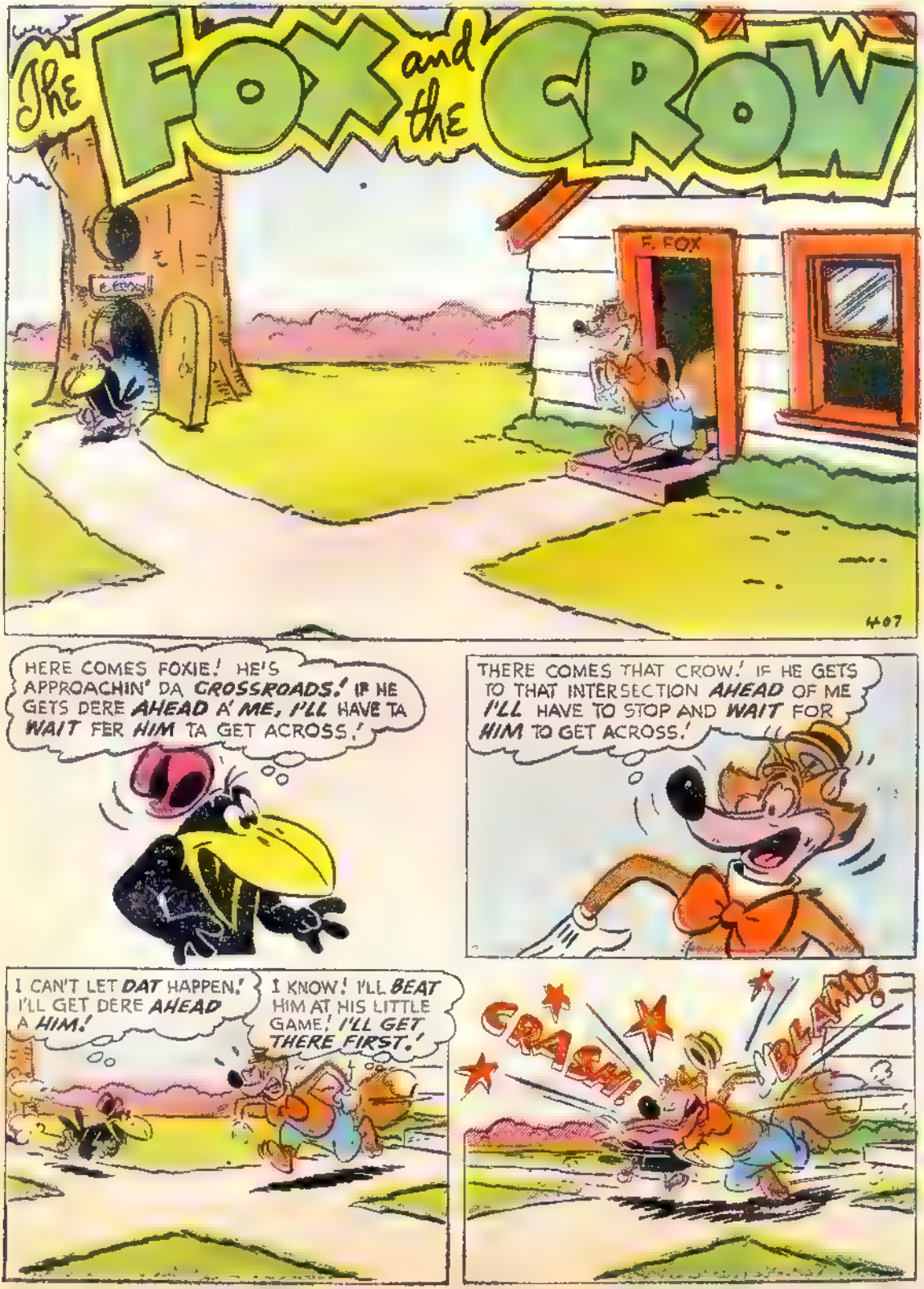
He was still running when he bumped into his brother, who was sitting by the edge of the road looking hungry and unhappy. "Cheer up, Philip!" Freddy said. "I've got us a nice, warm pie to eat!"

"Oh, no! Not . . . not a *hazelnut pie!* Not the one that Sadie Squirrel was—"

Freddy paid no attention. He opened his mouth wide for an enormous bite.

"No! Stop!" warned Philip. *"I put sawdust in that pie—"* But it was too late. Freddy had already bitten into it!

"Ugh! Sawdust pie!" And a moment later Freddy was so busy choking, and his brother was so busy slapping him on the back, that neither of them noticed Sadie Squirrel doubled up with laughter behind a tree. She had followed Freddy and saw everything that happened. Happily, she went home to bake another hazelnut pie for her cousin, knowing that this time the naughty foxes had learned their lesson!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HERE COMES FOXIE! HE'S APPROACHIN' DA CROSSROADS! IF HE GETS DERE AHEAD A' ME, I'LL HAVE TA WAIT FER HIM TA GET ACROSS!
THERE COMES THAT CROW! IF HE GETS TO THAT INTERSECTION AHEAD OF ME I'LL HAVE TO STOP AND WAIT FOR HIM TO GET ACROSS!
I CAN'T LET DAT HAPPEN! I'LL GET DERE AHEAD A HIM!
I KNOW! I'LL BEAT HIM AT HIS LITTLE GAME! I'LL GET THERE FIRST!
CRASH!
BLAM!

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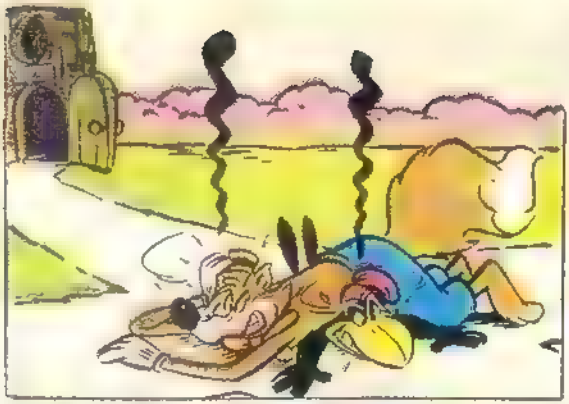

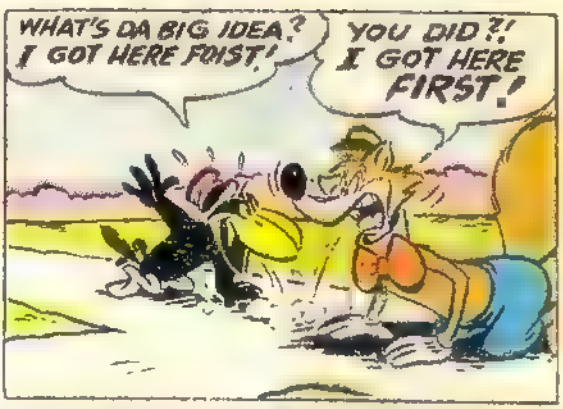
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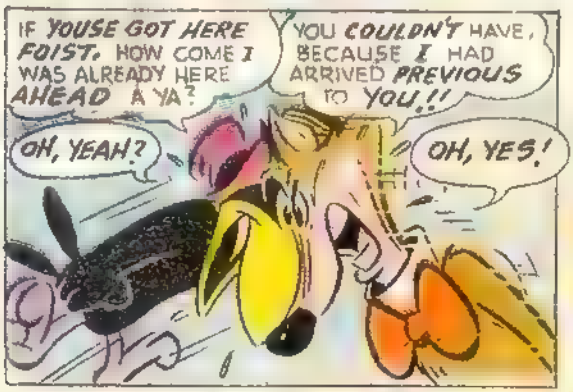
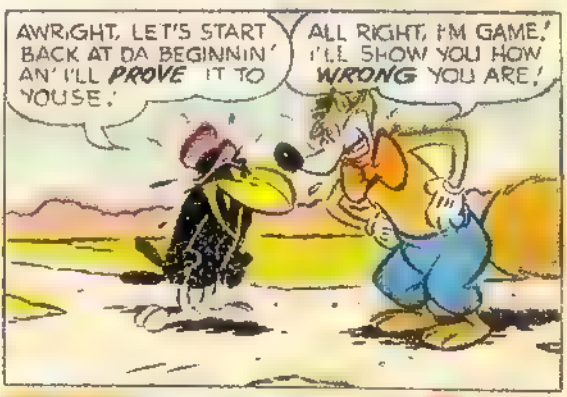
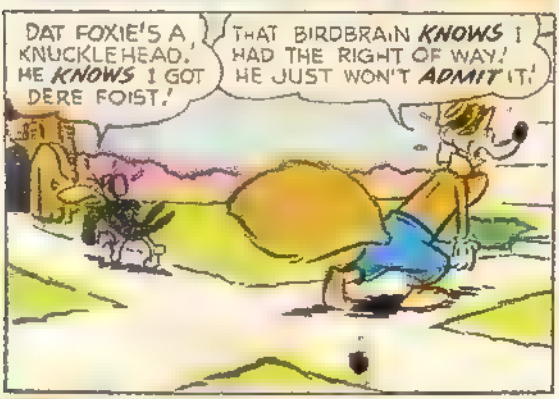
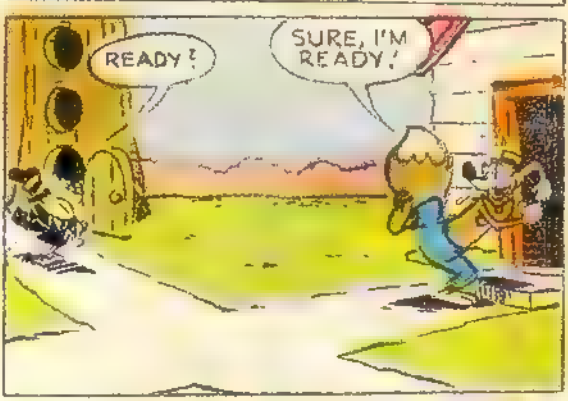
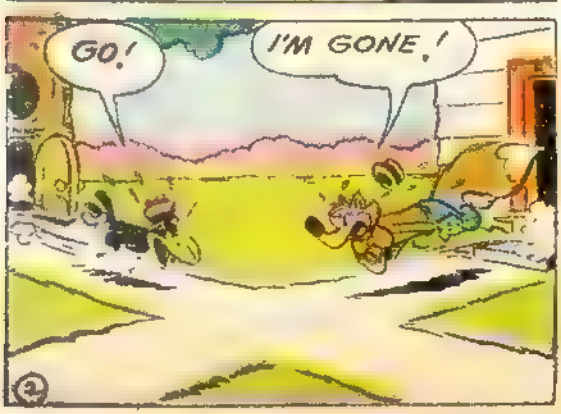
YOU DID?! I GOT HERE FIRST!


IF YOUSE GOT HERE FOIST, HOW COME I WAS ALREADY HERE AHEAD A YA?
YOU COULDN'T HAVE, BECAUSE I HAD ARRIVED PREVIOUS TO YOU!!
OH, YEAH?
OH, YES!


AWRIGHT, LET'S START BACK AT DA BEGINNIN' AN' I'LL PROVE IT TO YOUSE!
ALL RIGHT, I'M GAME. I'LL SHOW YOU HOW WRONG YOU ARE!


DAT FOXIE'S A KNUCKLEHEAD. HE KNOWS I GOT DERE FOIST!
THAT BIRDBRAIN KNOWS I HAD THE RIGHT OF WAY! HE JUST WON'T ADMIT IT!


READY?
SURE, I'M READY!


GO!
I'M GONE!

WHAM!

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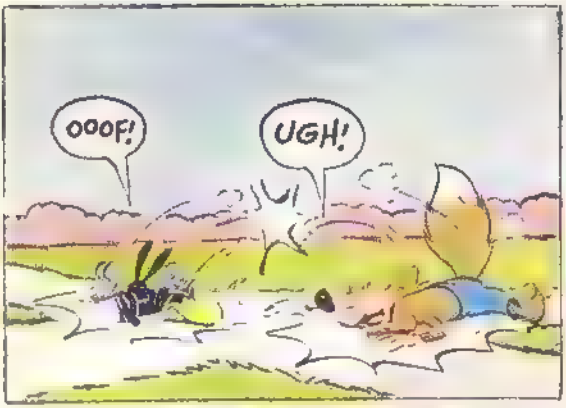
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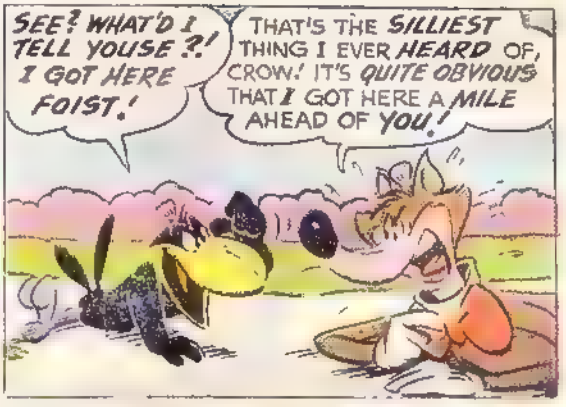
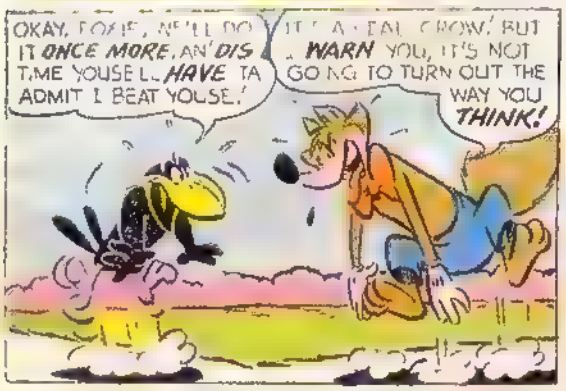
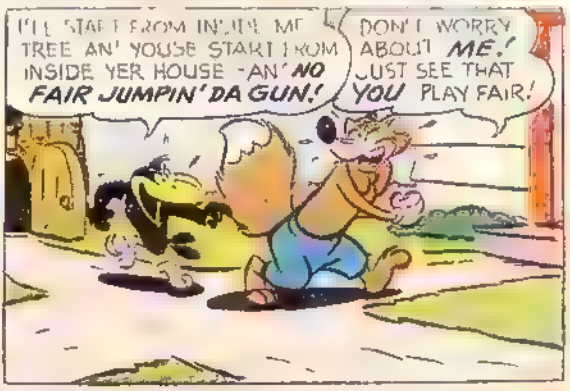
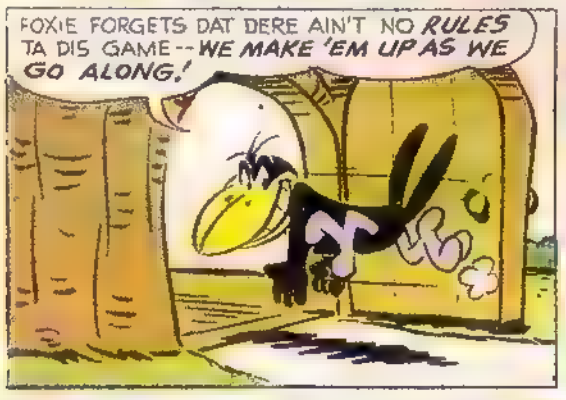
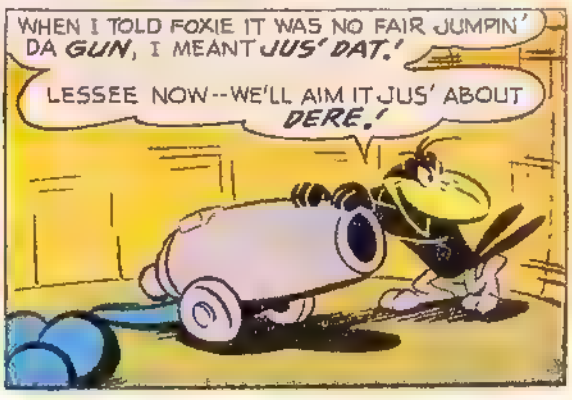
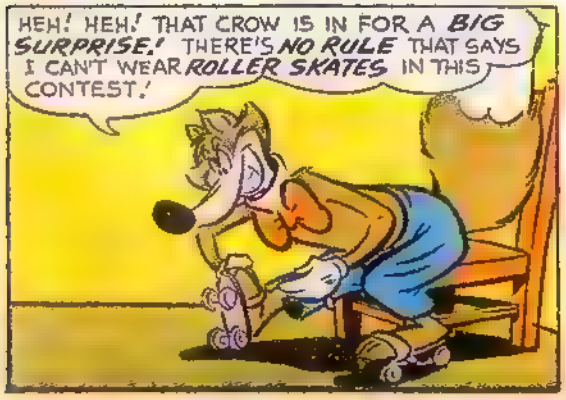

SEE? WHAT'D I TELL YOUSE?! I GOT HERE FOIST.
THAT'S THE SILLIEST THING I EVER HEARD OF, CROW! IT'S QUITE OBVIOUS THAT I GOT HERE A MILE AHEAD OF YOU!

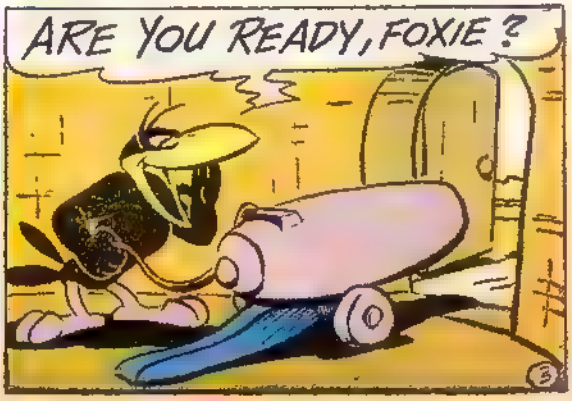

OKAY, FOXIE, WE'LL DO IT ONCE MORE, AN' DIS TIME YOUSE'LL HAVE TA ADMIT I BEAT YOUSE!
IT'S A REAL CROW, BUT I WARN YOU, IT'S NOT GOING TO TURN OUT THE WAY YOU THINK!

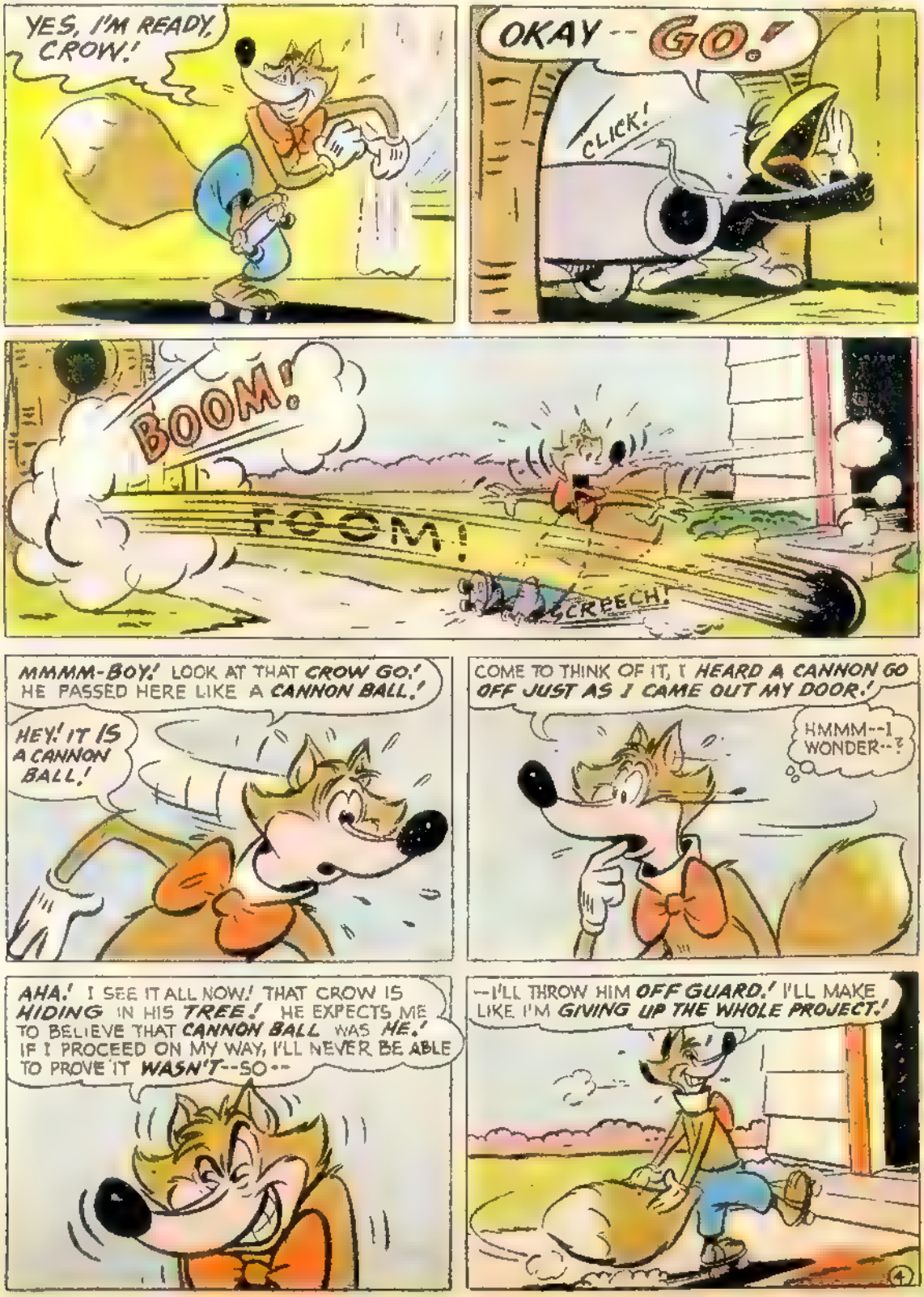

I'LL START FROM INSIDE ME TREE AN' YOUSE START FROM INSIDE YER HOUSE -AN' NO FAIR JUMPIN' DA GUN!
DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME! JUST SEE THAT YOU PLAY FAIR!


FOXIE FORGETS DAT DERE AIN'T NO RULES TA DIS GAME--WE MAKE 'EM UP AS WE GO ALONG!


WHEN I TOLD FOXIE IT WAS NO FAIR JUMPIN' DA GUN, I MEANT JUS' DAT.!
LESSEE NOW--WE'LL AIM IT JUS' ABOUT DERE!


HEH! HEH! THAT CROW IS IN FOR A BIG SURPRISE! THERE'S NO RULE THAT SAYS I CAN'T WEAR ROLLER SKATES IN THIS CONTEST!


ARE YOU READY, FOXIE?


YES, I'M READY, CROW!
OKAY -- GO!
CLICK!
BOOM!
FOOM!
SCREECH!
MMMM-BOY! LOOK AT THAT CROW GO! HE PASSED HERE LIKE A CANNON BALL!
HEY! IT IS A CANNON BALL!
COME TO THINK OF IT, I HEARD A CANNON GO OFF JUST AS I CAME OUT MY DOOR!
HMMM--I WONDER--?
AHA! I SEE IT ALL NOW! THAT CROW IS HIDING IN HIS TREE! HE EXPECTS ME TO BELIEVE THAT CANNON BALL WAS HE! IF I PROCEED ON MY WAY, I'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO PROVE IT WASN'T--SO--
--I'LL THROW HIM OFF GUARD! I'LL MAKE LIKE I'M GIVING UP THE WHOLE PROJECT!
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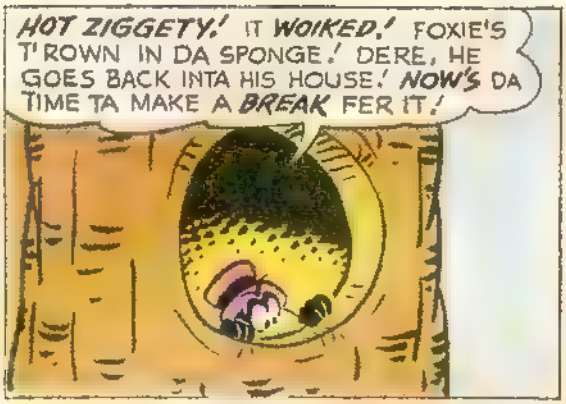
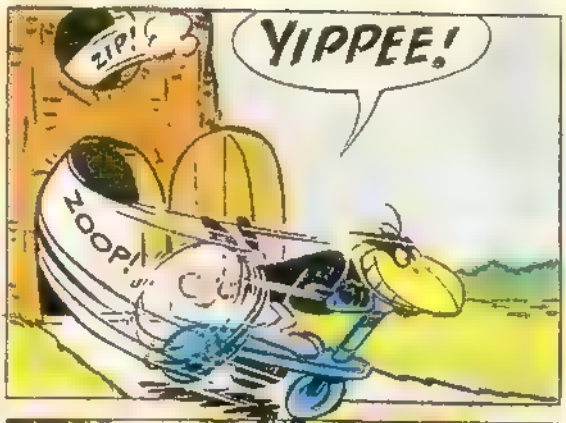
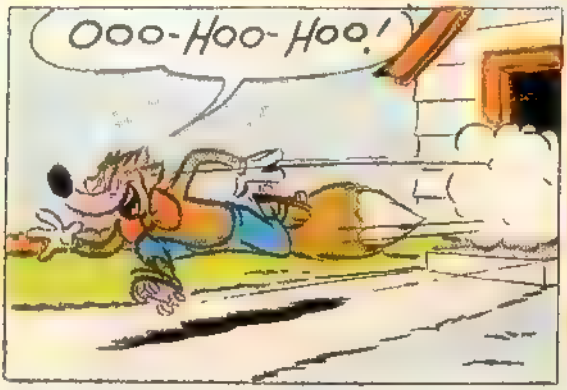
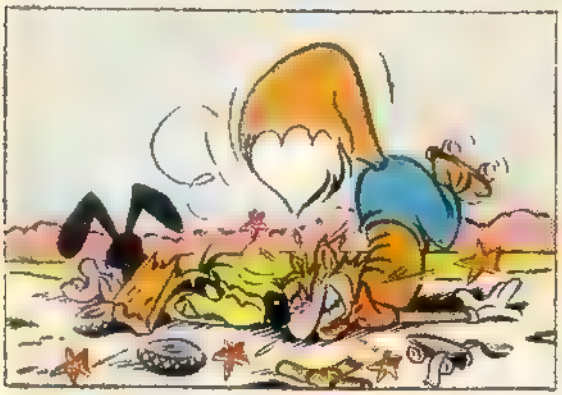
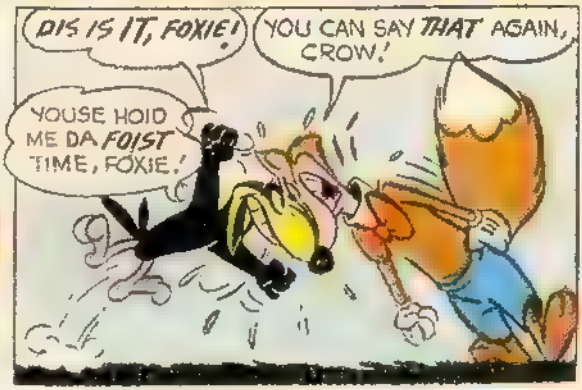

HOT ZIGGETY! IT WOIKED! FOXIE'S T'ROWN IN DA SPONGE! DERE, HE GOES BACK INTA HIS HOUSE! NOW'S DA TIME TA MAKE A BREAK FER IT!

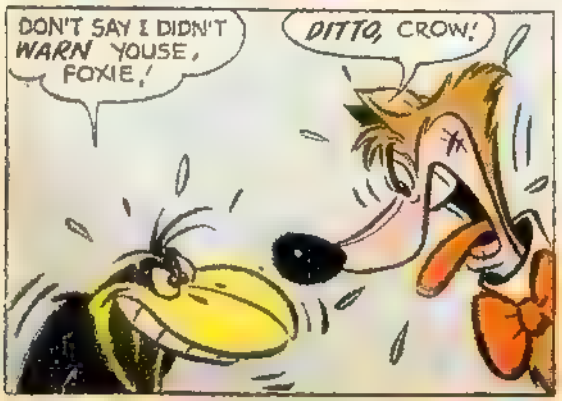

ZIP!
YIPPEE!
ZOOP!

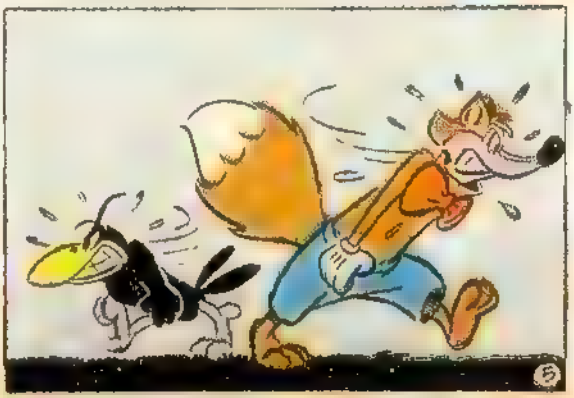

OOO-HOO-HOO!

WHAM!




DIS IS IT, FOXIE!
YOU CAN SAY THAT AGAIN, CROW!
YOUSE HOID ME DA FOIST TIME, FOXIE!


DON'T SAY I DIDN'T WARN YOUSE, FOXIE!
DITTO, CROW!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HERE I COME, FOXIE, READY OR NOT.'
I'M ALL SET, CROW.'
GANGWAY!
ROAR
THAT'S WHAT YOU SAY.'
CRASH!
CRASH!
Y'KNOW SUMPTIN', FOXIE? I TINK DIS IS A DANGEROUS ROAD CROSSIN'.!
I QUITE AGREE WITH YOU, CROW!
LE'S DO SUMPT'IN' ABOUT IT.'
VERY WELL.'
YOU CLEAR AWAY THE DEBRIS, WHILE I GO FETCH THE LAW BOOK AND SEE WHAT IT HAS TO SAY ON THE SUBJECT.'
OKAY, FOXIE.'
THE LAW IN THIS CASE IS VERY SPECIFIC, CROW! QUOTE: "WHEN TWO MOBILE OBJECTS, (VEHICLE OR PEDESTRIAN) MEET AT AN INTERSECTION, EACH MUST STOP AND WAIT FOR THE OTHER TO PASS BEFORE PROCEEDING." UNQUOTE!
HEY! DAT'S A REAL POLITE IDEA, FOXIE! I'LL STAN' HERE AN' WAIT FER YOUSE TO GO BY ME AN' YOU STAN' DERE AN' WAIT FER ME TO GO BY YOUSE.'
5 HOURS LATER...
CROW, IT'S A JOY TO KNOW THAT WE'RE ABIDING BY THE LAW.'
YOUSE SAID IT, FOXIE.' BUT IF DEY DON'T CHANGE DAT LAW, IT'S GONNA BE A LONG, COLD WINTER.'

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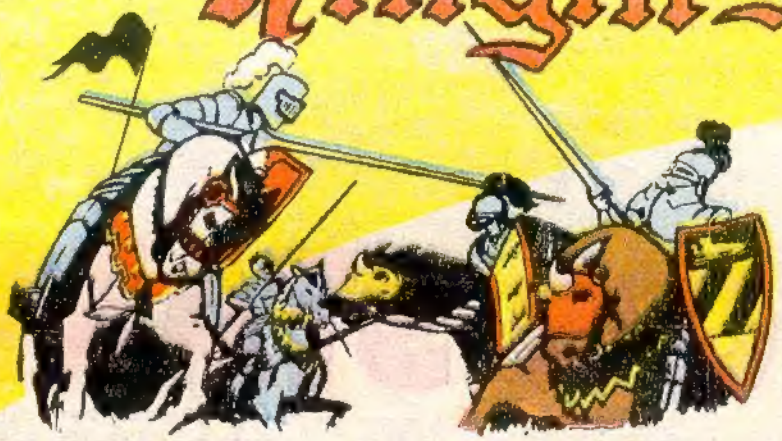

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